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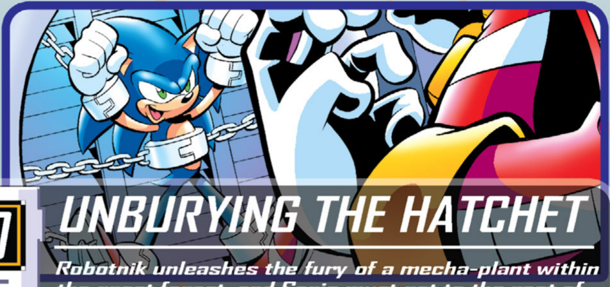

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LETTERS

Greetings once again, Sonic fans and new readers alike! This is your ever-excited-editorial-escort here to tell you about the special issue of "Sonic Super Special" you're holding in your hands at this very moment! The Sonic comic books are celebrating 20 years of publishing greatness this year, and this issue is party central for Sonic and his buds! Check out some of the coolest stories from the long history of this way-past-cool comic, scope out some never-before-reprinted exclusives, and all the awesome bonus features, news and art that you've come to expect from the Sonic Super Special! We especially want to take this opportunity to thank you, the fans, for all the love and support over these 20 years, and cheers to many more years of Sonic greatness to come!

Dear 'Super Special Delivery',
My name's Ikem and I'm 12.

Welcome Ikem!

Oh and I bet The Sonic and Mega Man crossover will be AWESOME! :D

You bet your chili dogs it will be!

But my dad says he may not subscribe to Mega Man. :(

Well, you should definitely let your dad know that the crossover awesomeness BEGINS in Mega Man #24. You don't want to miss every glorious second of world-collision, especially since this is the HISTORY-MAKING story that pits video game legends Sonic the Hedgehog and Mega Man together for the first time ANYWHERE!

Anyway, to the questions.

1. Will Antoine be okay?

NOT AS OK AS SONIC/ MEGA MAN: WORLDS COLLIDE! < ahem >, sorry about that. Had a little shameless plug in my throat. Anyway, to read about Antoine's fate make sure you pick up Sonic Universe #50, where Metal Sonic's attack may have had

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more of an effect than anyone realized! As for the future of Antoine, check back after the crossover for plenty more answers.

2. How are a Power Gem and a Chaos Emerald different?

They are very similar magical items, used at times for similar purpose. The Power Gems are used to increase overall power and strength, but have sometimes been used to alter other physical properties like size and shape. Chaos Emeralds are used more specifically as a power source, like a battery. The gems are more of a quick jolt.

One thing, can I get the Sonic Universe foil over in my subscription?

If you want the foil cover to Sonic Universe #50, it's available at a comic shop near you! Subscribers still get the full issue, which includes a special bonus re-presentation of selections from Sonic the Hedgehog #25!

Keep running blue blur!
Ikem M.
sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

You got it, Ikem! Thanks for the great letter!

Dear 'Super Special Delivery',
Hi Archie comics! This is Hannah, your #1 fangirl! I'll say some other awesome things about you. Well first off, I love your comics! Once I start one I can't put it down! I've always wanted to meet Tracy Yardley because I love drawing! (Mostly Sonic and friends), and Sonic the Hedgehog is my #1, all the way, 100%, no doubt about it obsession. I can't wait to see what happens next in the wonderful world of Mobotropolis!

Thanks for readin'!
Hannah
sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the kind words, Hannah!

Dear 'Super Special Delivery',
Hello there!

Hello there yourself!

My name is Bobby H., and I've been a reader of the book since issue 149.

THAT is a long time! And hey, if you ever wanna take a stroll down Sonic comic memory lane you can download the Sonic Comics App to your mobile device and read EVERY ISSUE in the series! plugplugplugplug

Since then, I've been fortunate enough to have read every comic (thanks to Sonic Archives! shameless plug #1)...

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...and besides about a dozen back-issues of Sonic the Hedgehog between #1 and #46, I have collected every mini-series, spin-off, super special, one-shot special, free comic book day special, magazine comic, graphic novel and variant cover! (I know this sounds braggy, but hey, I have to brag about something :)).

Brag away!

While I could go on and on about what I've loved about the comic for the past 8 years, I'll just get straight to the point and ask "for the usual!" (I've been waiting to say that!):

Can I just say, I love this letter!

1.) Will the events of the Worlds Collide story take place in the comic universe for both Mega Man and Sonic? And if so, will it have a lasting effect on the Sonic and Sonic Universe titles? (i.e. the Death Egg Mk.II being destroyed during the arc, or something with that large of a lasting impact)

It WILL have lasting effects, but I would be spoiling too much to tell you HOW or WHY. Trust me, some of those who participate in the crossover event will be reeling from this crossover for years -- maybe forever!

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"WHO IS THE TRAITOR??!"
~Courtney E.
sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

"Can't wait for the crossover!!! "
~ Billy K.
sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

"Welcome aboard, Lamar Wells !! The cover for STH 247 rocks !!! "
~ Catherine B.
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~ Kaylynn lee M.
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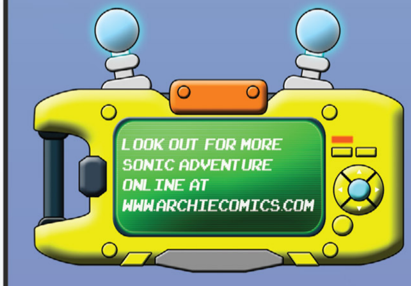

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2.) I absolutely love Lamar Wells' artwork! I'm sure I'm not alone when I say that I would love to see him draw the interior pages of a Sonic the Hedgehog issue in the future!

Lamar is awesome! And he drew the cover for this very issue! (inked by the ever-awesome Gary Martin and colored by the Sonic Comic universe-master Matt Herms). Get ready to see tons more of Lamar as the series progresses!

3.) The Endangered Species arc was quite devastating to the Chaotix and the echidna population (and was very well-written and illustrated!). I was wondering if Dr. Finitevus was one of the casualties, and if we will ever get to see what he had in store for Scourge and the Destructix? (I would love to see a Sonic Universe arc revolving around Finitevus!)

The evil doctor's location is unknown at this time, all we DO know is that Thrash broke into Finny's lair and jacked his warp ring tech! And, incidentally, for more Fiitevus and Scourge action, check out Sonic Universe vol3 GN and the "Scourge: Lockdown" storyarc from Sonic Universe! plugplugplugplug

4.) Mephiles and Iblis were both included in the Sonic Comic Encyclopedia (available now! shameless plug #2); does that mean we will see the two of them anytime in the near future?

maaaaaayyybbee...

5.) I'm a fan of Dr. Eggman Nega, and have noticed that he hasn't been mentioned in the book for quite some time. Will we eventually get to see what's happening with the Nega War? (maybe with a Sonic Universe arc revolving around around Zonic and Dr. Nega?)

maaaaaayyyyybbbbeee...

6.) I was ecstatic to see Orbot and Cubot finally introduced! It was time, in my opinion, to temporarily (or indefinitely) replace Snively by those two (the Scrambled arc was so awesome!)

I LOVE Orbot and Cubot, and yes -- poor Snively got it pretty bad in "Scrambled"! Orbot and Cubot have some of the funniest scenes in the upcoming "Worlds Collide" storyline!

7.) I know that the Black Arms are at war with the Xorda, but will we eventually see them invade Mobius, perhaps in a loose adaptation of the Shadow the Hedgehog game? (similar to how the Tails Adventure was handled)

We would love to explore all of those things, and we're talking "Black Arms" at the moment as a real possibility. One thing is also for certain -- Mephiles is one of the fan favorites we cannot wait to use!

Thanks so much for everything for the past 8 years! The comic book has been something that has helped me through each and every day, and I am thrilled that the book has reached its 250th milestone issue! Please tell Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley, Matt Herms, Ben Bates, Jon Gray, Steven Butler, Patrick Spaziante, Evan Stanley, Lamar Wells, Jamal Peppers, and everyone else involved to keep up the great work! I've always loved the comic, but the quality is, by far, the best it has ever been! I will always read, collect and love all Sonic comics for as long as I live (even after it is cancelled, which is hopefully never!) Oh...and might I be considered for Dr. Finitevus' #1 fan, or is that place already been taken?

Thanks for reading and answering my questions, and keep up the great work!

Sincerely, Bobby H. (Dr. Finitevus' #1 fan)
sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

P.S...I included some of the artwork I drew (the Sonic and Silver I did free-hand without a picture as a reference, where the other I did use a reference for). I hope to eventually work on the comics, although I know I have quite a long way to go before I'm good enough to actually achieve that dream (I'll keep practicing and trying to improve, however). I hope you guys like it!

You got it, Bobby -- and thanks for the letter! Check the next page to see Bobby's awesome fan art!

That's all for this exciting installment of Sonic Super Special letters -- we'll see you back here next time for the Sonic Sticker Spectacular! Don't miss it! ■

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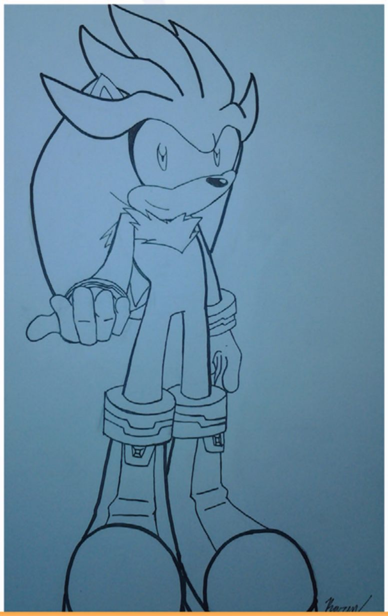

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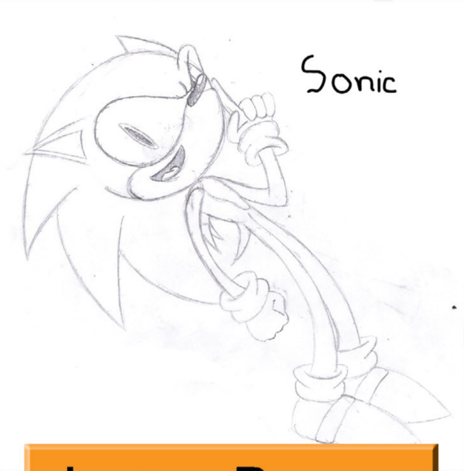

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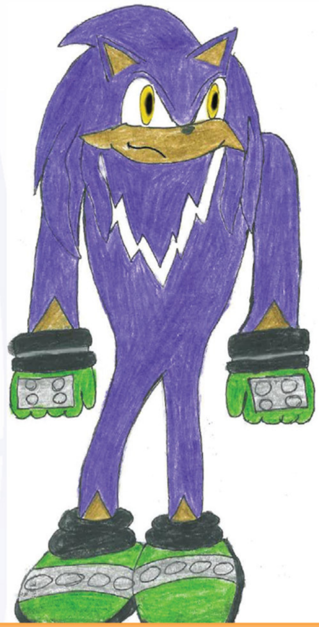

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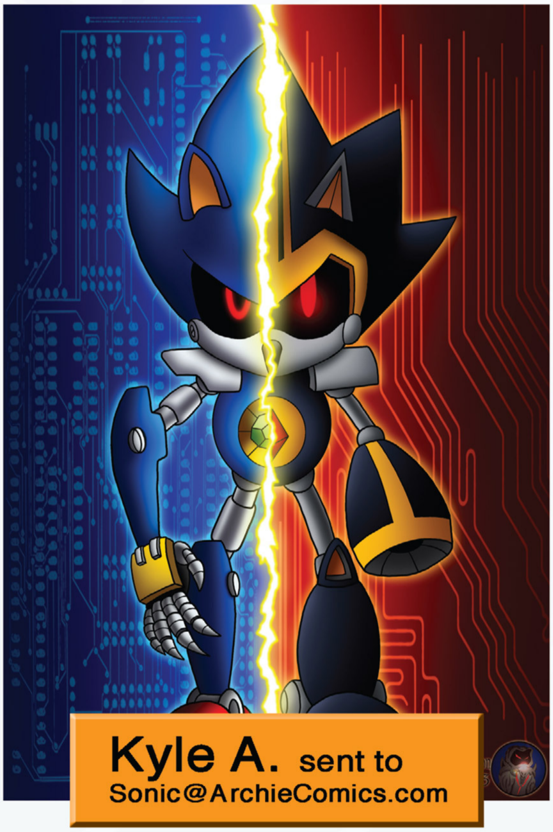

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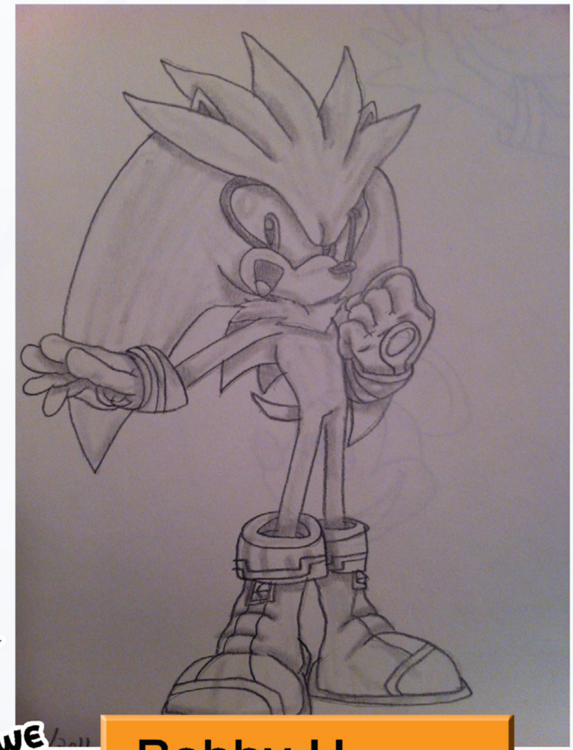

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HEDGEHOG HISTORY

A SPECIAL LOOK BACK AT TWENTY YEARS OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG COMICS!

20 years of
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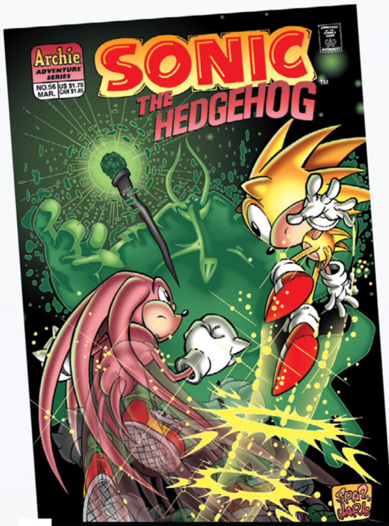
Can you believe we've been enjoying Sonic the Hedgehog comics for twenty years now? Fans know nothing can stop the Blue Blur, and this proves it! But how did our number one hedgehog get going, and where is he heading?

It all began back in 1993. SEGA had just come out with their run-away hit videogame series, Sonic the Hedgehog, and it couldn't be contained by one medium. Two cartoons were aired: the wacky "Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog" and plot-driven "Sonic the Hedgehog". To top it all off, Archie Comics was given the chance to do the tie-in comic.

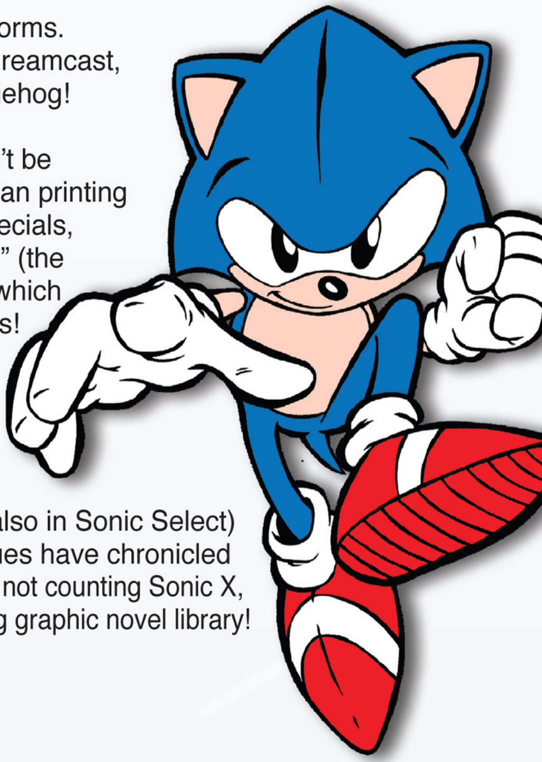
The comic took the best of three worlds, folding in elements from all versions of Sonic. Readers were delighted as Sonic sought out the Chaos Emeralds of the games, dodging the S6 Squad of Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog and aided by the Freedom Fighters of Sonic the Hedgehog.

As the cartoons came to an end, the characters lived on in their comic forms. Sonic disappeared from the videogame scene as SEGA prepared the Dreamcast, but he kept on running in the comics. There's just no stopping the hedgehog!



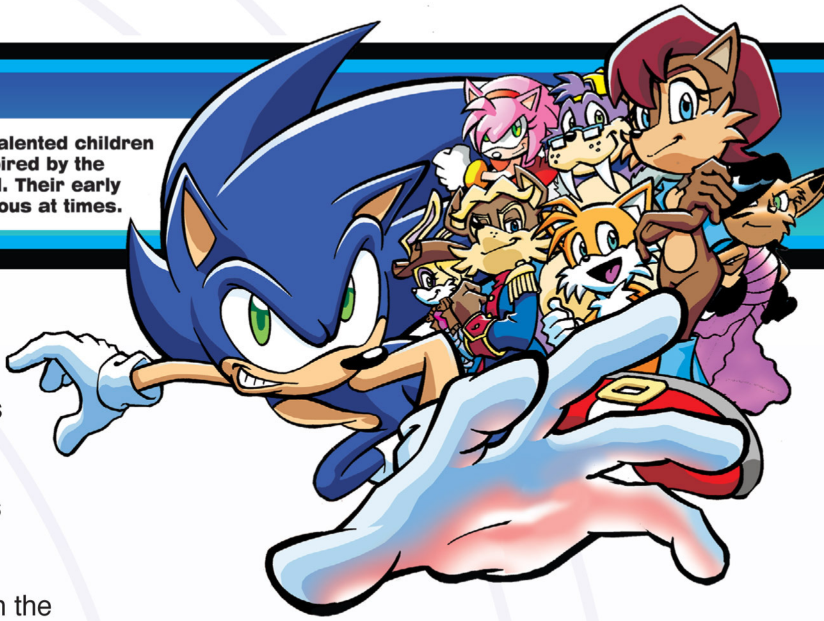
SOME OF THE COMIC'S MOST POPULAR STORIES FEATURED SUPER SONIC AND HYPER KNUCKLES PICTURED HERE BRINGING THE RUCKUS TO MAMMOTH MOGUL!

It should be no surprise that Sonic couldn't be contained by one book, either. Archie began printing quarterly forty-eight page Sonic comic specials, eventually titled the "Sonic Super Special" (the name this magazine's title is based on), which ran for a staggering twenty-three releases! You can find these specials collected in the Sonic Select graphic novel series. Years later, the new on-going spin-off, Sonic Universe, told more stories about Knuckles and others from Sonic's world – and beyond! Five mini-series (also in Sonic Select) and nearly two hundred fifty regular issues have chronicled our Sonic comic adventures. And that's not counting Sonic X, Free Comic Book Day, or the ever-growing graphic novel library!



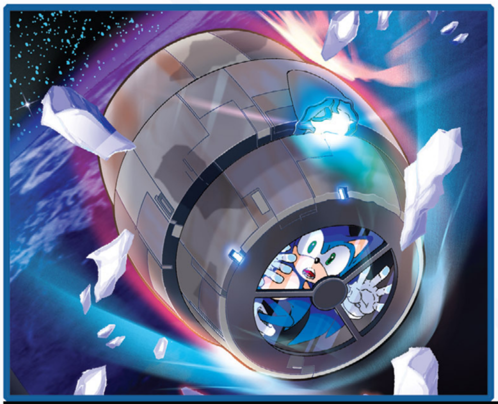
DID YOU KNOW...

The Freedom Fighters started as a band of young and talented children hidden in the secret village of Knothole. They were inspired by the Original Freedom Fighters and carried on in their stead. Their early adventures were like grand games, despite being perilous at times.



So what has Sonic done in those hundreds of comics for twenty years? **TONS!** First he helped lead the Freedom Fighters in all sorts of adventures while working to overthrow Dr. Robotnik. With Sonic's speed and heroism, the First Robotnik War ended and his friends reclaimed Old Mobotropolis.

But there's always evil in the world, and soon the vile wizard Ixis Naugus tried to take the kingdom for his own. Sonic and Tails chased him across the world and sent him packing, and while they were distracted, Dr. Robotnik staged his return – this time as Dr. Eggman! And so began the Second Robotnik War. Things got ugly in the battle, with Old Mobotropolis being lost to both sides.



SONIC HAS BEEN ALL OVER THE PLACE, EVEN OUTER SPACE! CHECK OUT THE "TOSSED IN SPACE" STORYLINE IN SONIC 126 - 129 ON THE SONIC COMICS APP!

And then things got weird as aliens arrived from all directions. The Bem undid all of Dr. Eggman's roboticization efforts, and the Xorda threatened to blow up the whole planet! Thanks to Sonic, everyone was saved, but he was thrown across the galaxy. It took him a whole year to make is way back across the cosmos. When he found his way home, Sonic began to settle into life in Knothole City – only for the Eggman Empire to raze it and the Great Forest to the ground. Thankfully, a New Mobotropolis had been prepared in secret, and Sonic and his friends relocated.

Sonic managed to oust Dr. Eggman once again, only for the Iron Dominion to show up and take his place! Sonic teamed up with Monkey Khan to undercut the Iron Dominion's ninja forces and route the villains, but Dr. Eggman escaped in the chaos. Sonic would've found him if not for Ixis Naugus, who once again sought the crown. With Sonic busy fighting the evil wizard, Dr. Eggman was free to complete and launch his Death Egg II!

With it, Dr. Eggman used the Genesis Wave to try to reshape the world better to his liking, but Super Sonic helped put an end to that. While his planet was restored, Sonic's friends faced a breakdown. Antoine was badly wounded, Bunnie went missing, and Sally was turned into a killer robot. Sonic formed his own strike team – Team Fighters – with Amy and Tails to track down the new Death Egg and rescue Sally. They've enjoyed great success and bitter defeat in their search.

Now Dr. Eggman has found a new ally in another world, and is preparing to launch a second Genesis Wave. Given that the first time nearly tore the planet apart, what will happen this time? It's up to Sonic – and a new friend from another world – to save two worlds! - Ian Flynn ■

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"AND THEN THE HEROES ATTACKED..."

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There's nothing quite like having a best friend. It's priceless to have someone who understands you, enjoys the things you enjoy, and is always there to enjoy the good times and help you through the hard times.

But what if you're a mad scientist with a crazy mustache and a crazier preoccupation with conquering the world with killer robots? Good luck searching Eggslist with "looking for friend to take over world for giggles."

Except Dr. Eggman has found just that in the upcoming crossover event "When Worlds Collide." When Dr. Eggman first activated his Genesis Wave, it sent the Chaos Emerald that had been powering it… somewhere. Fans have been wondering since Sonic the Hedgehog #230 where the gem wound up. Turns out it was flung to another universe entirely!

Dr. Albert W. Wily, the main bad guy from the Mega Man™ comics, has gotten his hands on the precious gemstone of unlimited power. Through it, he gets a direct line to Dr. Eggman. Wait a minute…

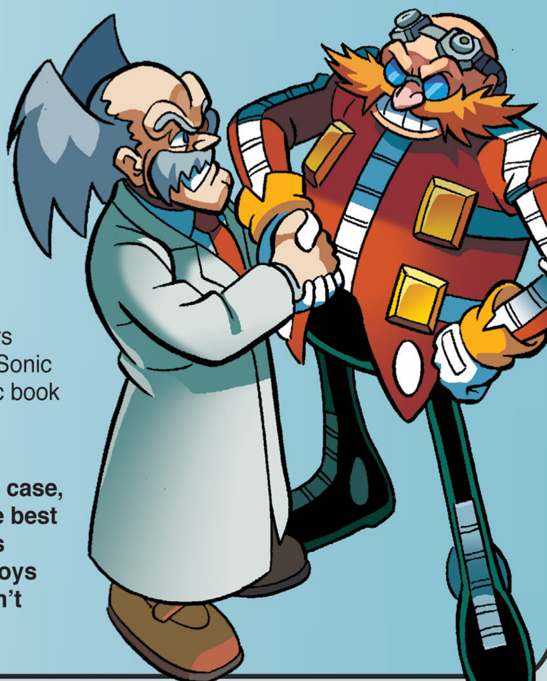
Mad scientist? Check.
Crazy mustache? Check.
Crazier schemes? Check.
Killer robots? Double-check.

Uh-oh!

It's a match made far from heaven as the two brilliant and wicked madmen join forces to launch a second Genesis Wave and rewrite both of their worlds!

You would think a couple of egos that big wouldn't fit in the same room let alone work well together, but it turns out they have a lot in common. Dr. Eggman likes turning Sonic's friends into killer robots via roboticization. Dr. Wily likes stealing others' machines and turning them into killer robots. So what happens when they combine their hobbies? (hint: it's not pretty!)

They both think they're always right, they both enjoy giant, trap-riddled bases, and they both have this ongoing problem with being foiled by young, blue heroes. Even then, they're on the same wavelength; if you can't beat the hedgehog/robot, make an evil robot counterpart! Sonic has barely kept pace with Metal Sonic, and Mega Man doesn't like fighting Bass. What would happen if the doctors pit our heroes against both robots at the same time? (hint: it's awesome!)



"Now hold on," I hear you say. "Isn't this crossover supposed to be about Sonic and Mega Man?" It sure is, but after stealing money, Chaos Emeralds, robots, freedoms and identities, the doctors are out to steal the spotlight! We would try to stop them, but it's hard to say "no" when you've got an office full of Egg-SWATs and Robot Masters glaring down at you.

That's why we're featuring three "E.F.F. – Evil Friends Forever" variant covers during the crossover. These covers will be printed for Mega Man™ 25, Sonic Universe 53 and Sonic the Hedgehog 251 and will be available at your local comic book shop!

They say a hero is only as good as his villain, and that nothing can overcome the power of friendship. In that case, Sonic and Mega Man are great because they've got the best (worst) villains around. Unfortunately, that also means the doctors are unstoppable. Can that be true? Our boys in blue have twelve issues to figure it out, and you won't want to miss an issue of it! ■

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GRAPHIC NOVEL SNEAK PEEK!

BATTLE BIRD BONANZA!

Sonic Universe is the longest running spin-off to Sonic the Hedgehog in the history of the comic. Knuckles the Echidna set the bar at thirty-two issues. Sonic X squeaked ahead at forty. Sonic Universe is coming up on its fiftieth and shows no signs of stopping!

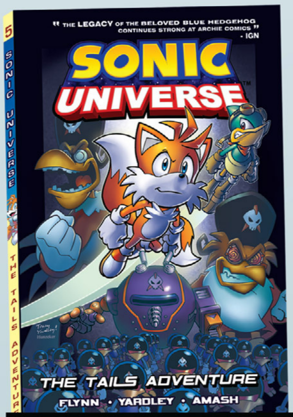
One of the all-time fan favorites is getting collected in Sonic Universe volume five – "The Tails Adventure." Loosely based on the 1995 Game Gear game "Tails Adventure," it features the debut of the Battle Bird Armada and Tails's first starring role since his mini-series (to be collected in Sonic Select volume eight).

Miles "Tails" Prower has always been known as second to Sonic. Call him a little brother, side-kick, second banana, fuzzy orange shadow – however you want to phrase it, he's usually out of the limelight. Sonic Universe volume five changes all that by having Tails take the lead and be the big hero!

Does he do it the exact same way Sonic would? Of course not – that'd be boring, and Tails has his own style. He's smarter, craftier, and he can fly. You get a whole new perspective on life when you're over everyone else's heads!

Having grown up helping Sonic out of trouble, Tails knows the importance of having support in the field. That's why he completes his pet project – T-Pup the robo-dog! (get it? It's a pun) This is T-Pup's big debut, and it will set up the mecha-mutt's appearances in Team Fighters and many adventures to come.

You'll also enjoy the shift in focus to the fan-favorite pairing – Antoine and Bunnie! They're life-long Freedom Fighters and they get a chance to shine in this story. **They'll still need Tails's help to escape the clutches of the Battle Bird Armada, stop their sinister plans and save the day.** ■



THE SONIC UNIVERSE GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES KEEPS ON GROWING WITH VOLUME 5 ON SALE EVERYWHERE JUNE 2013!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
DEFEATED?!

You already know and love the Sonic Archives series. It gives you all the classic stories in new, vibrant colors. And we know you love the Sonic Select series as it gathers up all the stories not featured in Sonic Archives. These are great ways for new fans to catch up on all the vintage material.

But what about the newer material?

That's where the Sonic Saga Series comes in! These books collect the biggest, most important stories of the more recent years. The series debuted in September 2012 and started off with "The Darkest Storm" – a massive multi-way brawl between heroes and villains!

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SONIC SAGA SERIES PRESSES ONWARD WITH VOLUME 3 COMING THIS SUMMER!

Sonic Saga volume two has arrived and is bringing you the epic "Order from Chaos" storyline and more! Shadow and Tails – captured! Dr. Eggman – usurped! Nicole, Bunnie, Jules and Tommy – infected! And every Chaos Emerald in the universe gathered into one place! What's a hedgehog to do? (Save the day of course – this is Sonic after all)

Tails finds a way to bring his long-lost parents back, and it will reshape the future of the kingdom forever! Shadow finally breaks ties with Dr. Eggman and discovers the whole story to his origin! Sonic uncovers a heart-breaking secret about Fiona, then gets a face-breaking attack from Scourge!

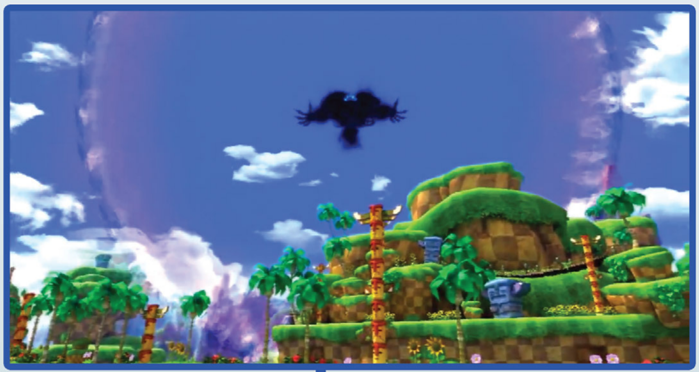
And then due in July is Sonic Saga volume three where we'll cover Dr. Eggman's greatest victory to date in "Eggman Empire." What happens when the doctor stops messing around and brings his A-game? It's a brutal, drag-out one-on-one fight with Sonic that permanently changes the status quo.

Want some retro action? Pick up the Sonic Archives. Want some of the new hotness? Sonic Saga Series has got you covered. Everything in between? We've got Sonic Select, Knuckles Archives and the Sonic Universe books. It's a great time to be a Sonic fan –we've got everything you could want to read and more! ■

SONIC SUPER SPECIAL COMIC FEATURE:

PREVIOUSLY...

WITH **DR. ROBOTNIK DEFEATED** AND THE ANIMALS OF THE WORLD FREED FROM THE MAD DOCTOR'S **EGG CAPSULES**, **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG** ENJOYS THIS TIME OF TRANQUILTY TRAVERSING THROUGH THE **GREEN HILL ZONE** ON A BEAUTIFUL SUNNY AFTERNOON. ALL IS WELL, UNTIL...



...A DARK AND MYSTERIOUS MONSTER APPEARS OUT OF NOWHERE! A **STRANGE AURA** OF POWER IS **RELEASED** FROM THE ENTITY AND **DISPERSES OVER THE WORLD** AND **SONIC** IS CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE **CHAOS...**

DID YOU KNOW...

Sonic Generations was released in November of 2011 to celebrate Sonic's 20th anniversary! The game featured not only the modern Sonic we all know and love today, but also featured the return of Sonic's younger, classic self, complete with black eyes, pot belly, and shorter quills! Both Sonic's had their own distinct gameplay styles, to create an anniversary experience like no other!

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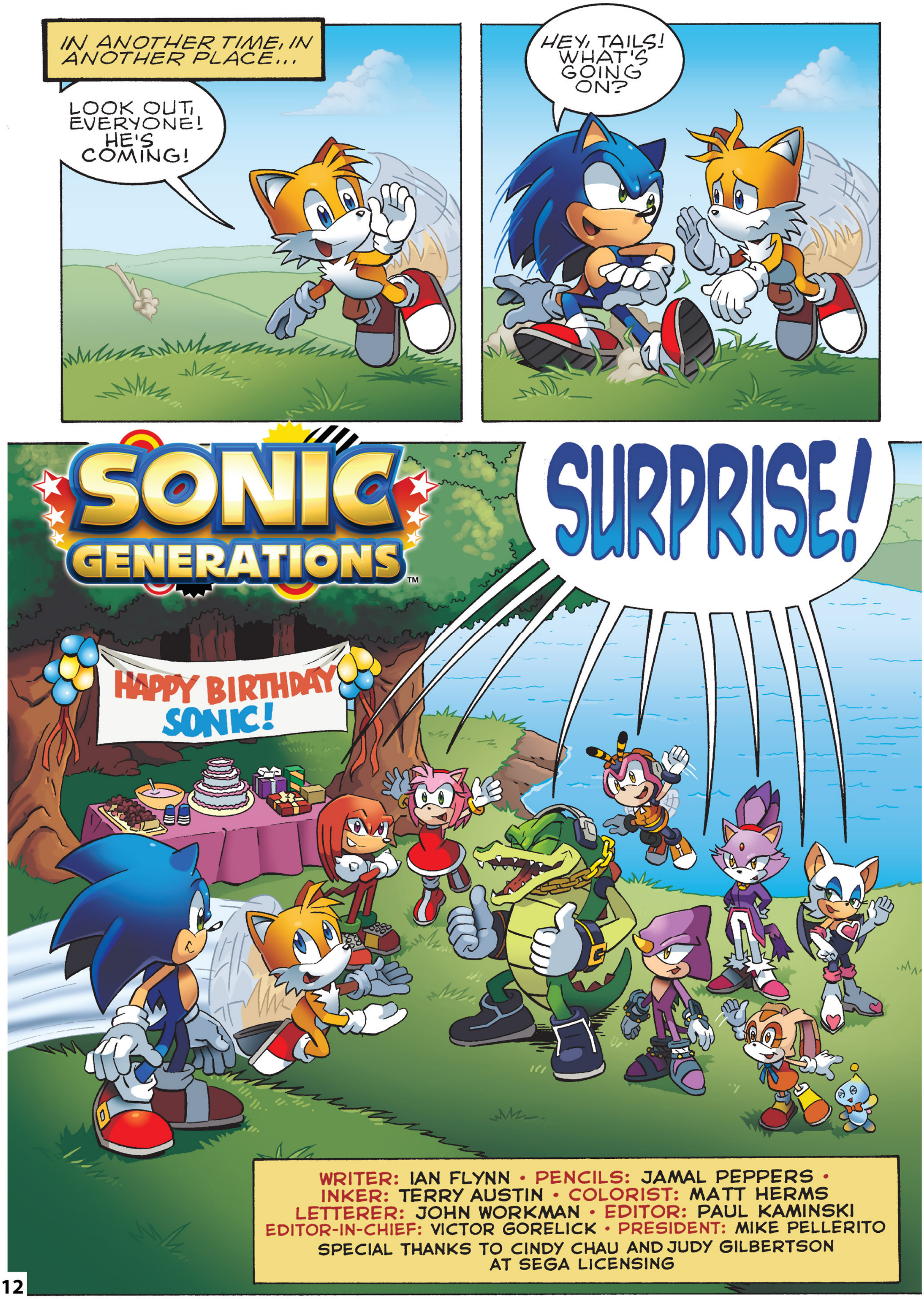
IN ANOTHER TIME, IN ANOTHER PLACE...
LOOK OUT, EVERYONE! HE'S COMING!
HEY, TAILS! WHAT'S GOING ON?
SONIC GENERATIONS™
SURPRISE!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY SONIC!

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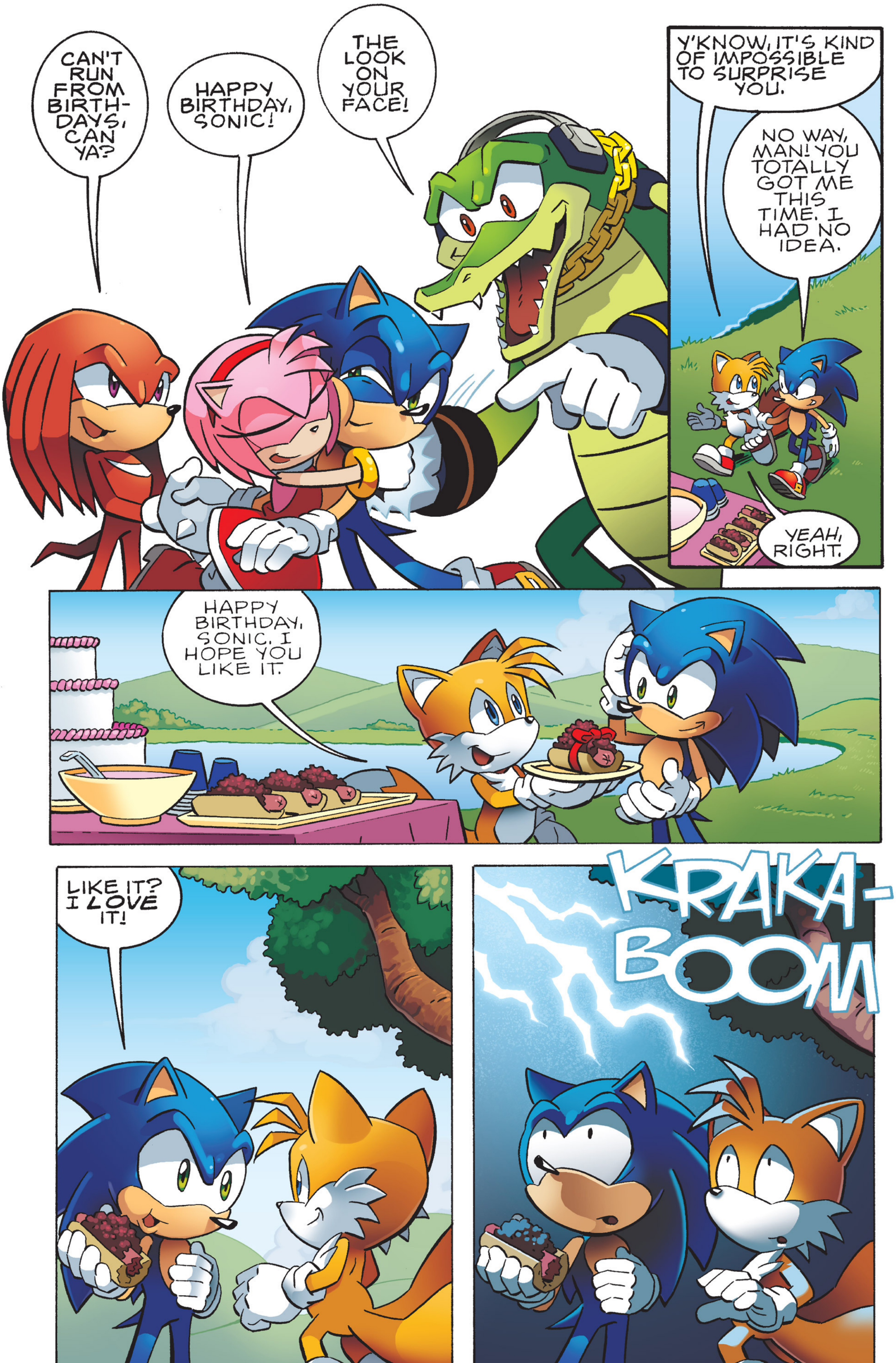
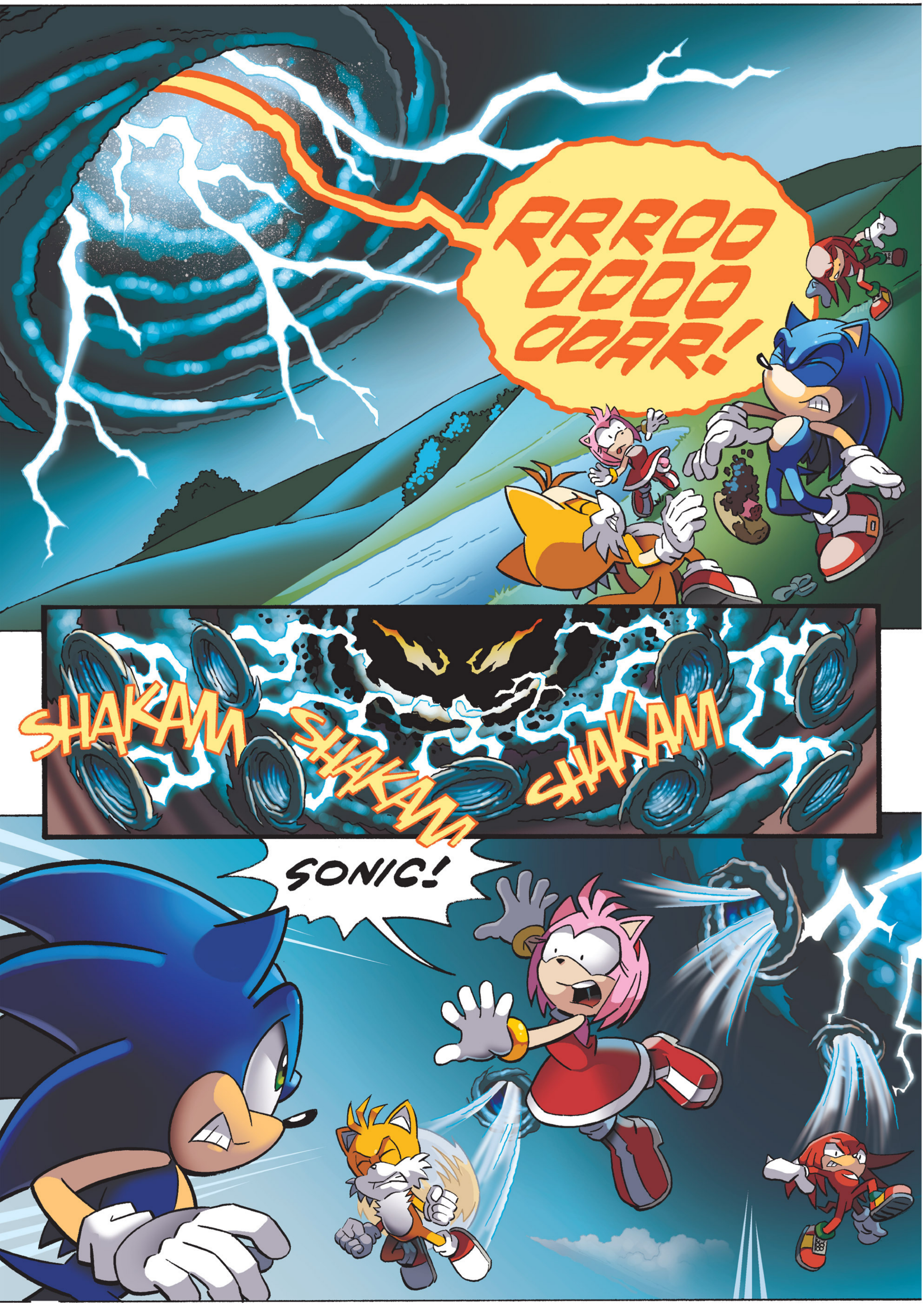

CAN'T RUN FROM BIRTH-DAYS, CAN YA?
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SONIC!
THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE!
Y'KNOW, IT'S KIND OF IMPOSSIBLE TO SURPRISE YOU.
NO WAY, MAN! YOU TOTALLY GOT ME THIS TIME. I HAD NO IDEA.
YEAH, RIGHT.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SONIC. I HOPE YOU LIKE IT.
LIKE IT? I *LOVE* IT!
KRAKA-BOOM


RRROOOOOOOOOAR!
SHAKAM
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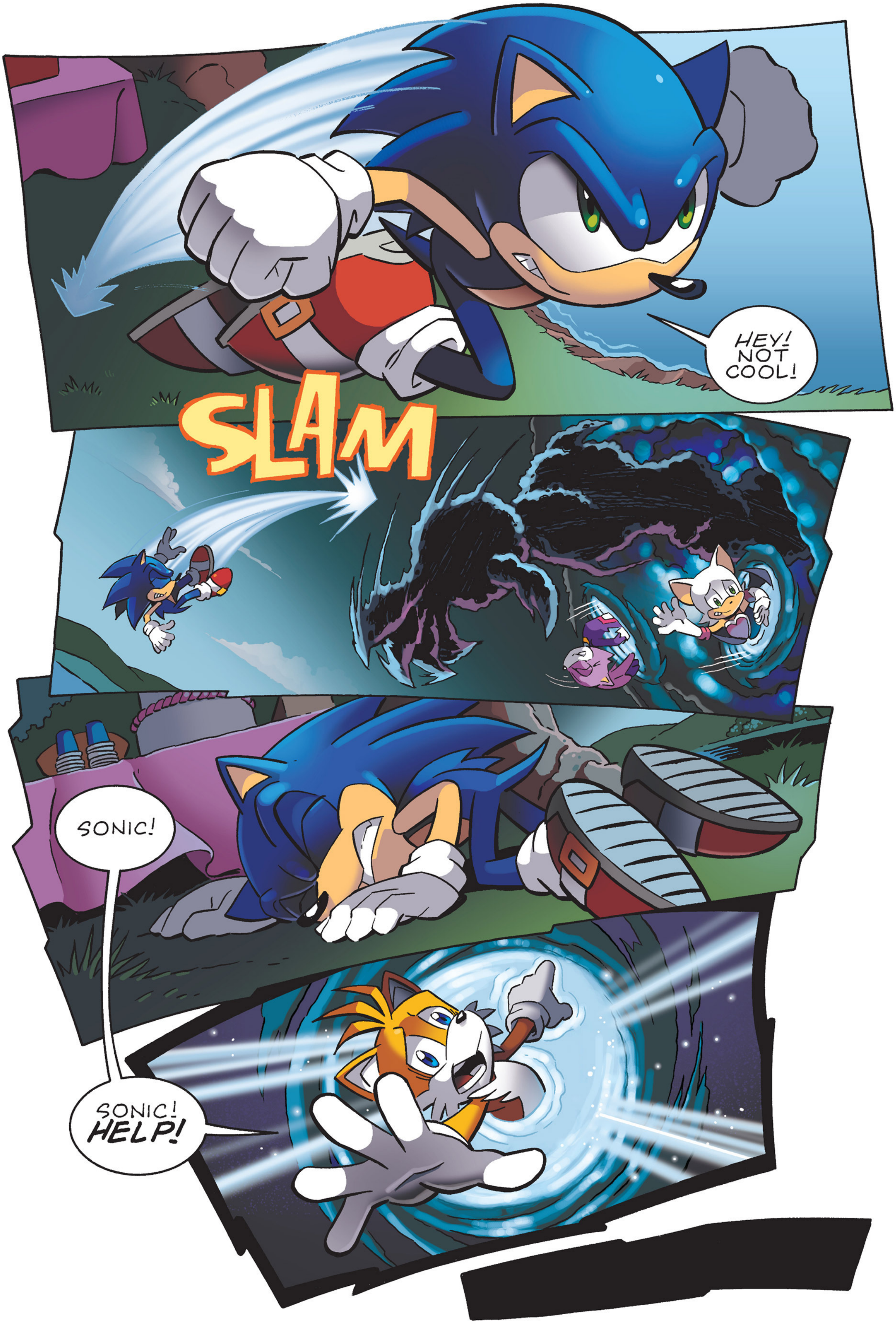
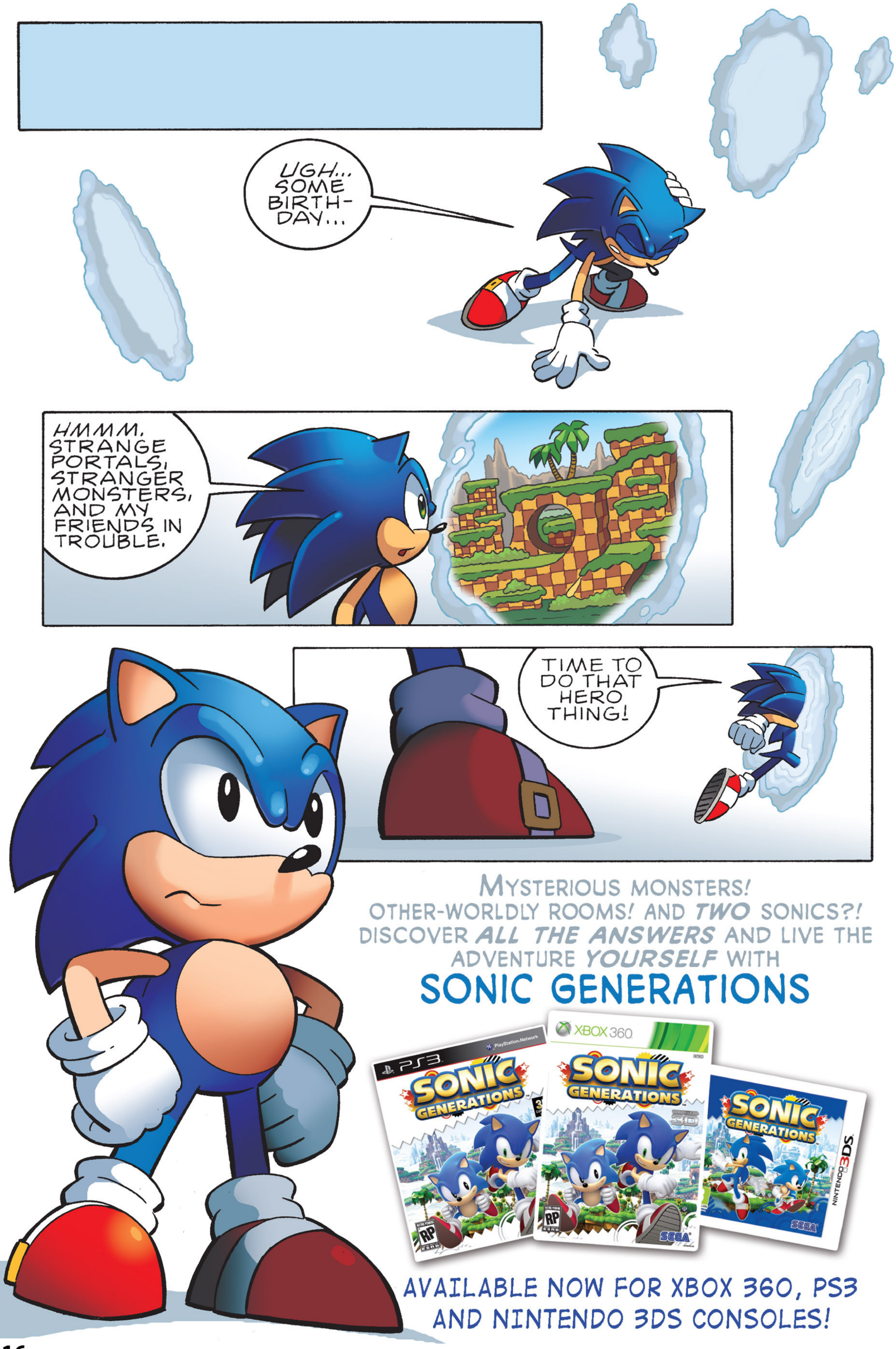
SONIC!


HEY! NOT COOL!
SLAM
SONIC!
SONIC! HELP!


UGH... SOME BIRTHDAY...
HMMM. STRANGE PORTALS, STRANGER MONSTERS, AND MY FRIENDS IN TROUBLE.
TIME TO DO THAT HERO THING!

MYSTERIOUS MONSTERS!
OTHER-WORLDLY ROOMS! AND *TWO* SONICS?!
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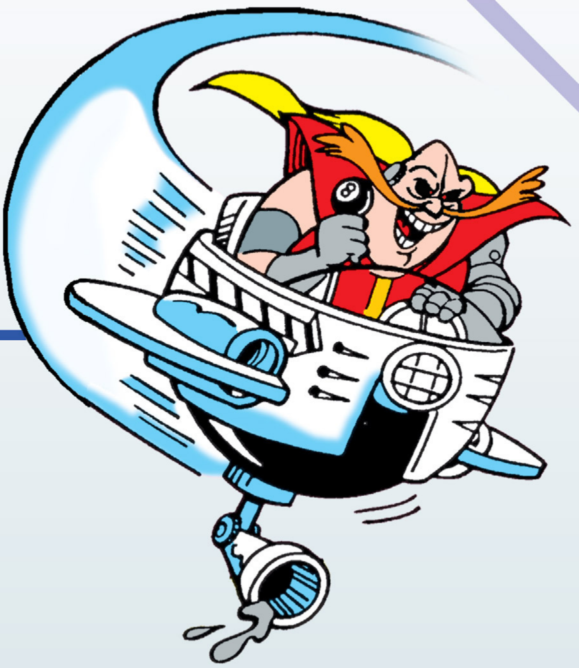
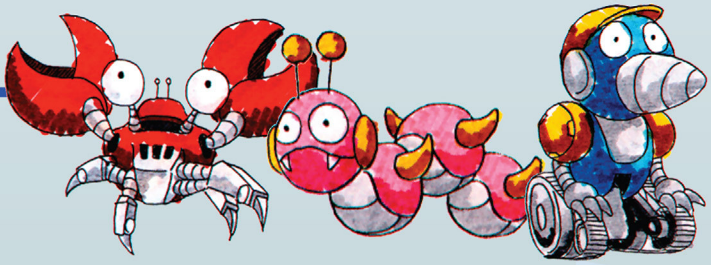
THE EVIL DOCTOR IVO “EGGMAN” ROBOTNIK HAS TAKEN OVER THE KINGDOM! AFTER A DRAMATIC COUP D’ETAT (*BETRAYAL AND RISE TO POWER FROM WITHIN) THE MAD GENIUS HAS BEGUN HIS DESTRUCTIVE RAMPAGE THAT HAS LEFT THE FREE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ENSLAVED AND ENTIRE CITIES TURNED INTO TOXIC WASTE HEAPS.



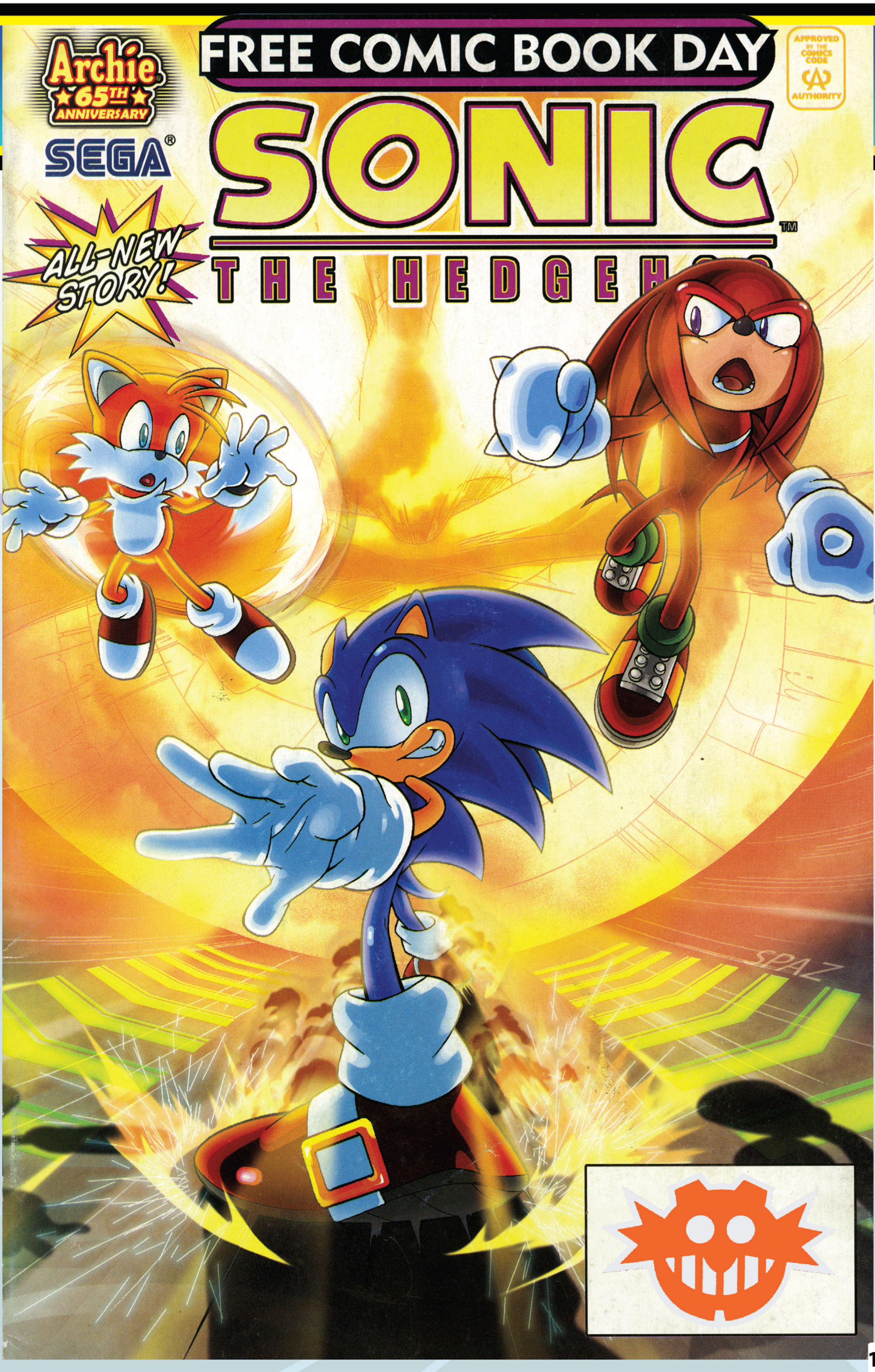
ROBOTNIK HAS ONE PROBLEM THOUGH, AND HIS NAME IS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! ALONG WITH A HEROIC BAND OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS COMPOSED OF PRINCESS SALLY ACORN, SOLDIER’S SON ANTOINE D’COOLLETTE, TECH GENIUS ROTOR WALRUS, AND SONIC’S HIGH-FLYING BEST BUDDY MILES “TAILS” PROWER, SONIC AND THE HEROES OF THE WORLD ARE TAKING THE FIGHT BACK TO THE EGGMAN!

TO RECLAIM THEIR WORLD, OUR HEROES WILL NEED TO PUT THEMSELVES TO THE TEST, AND THAT WILL MEAN FIGHTING ALL-NEW, ALL-DANGEROUS FOES...



DID YOU KNOW...

Princess Sally Acorn’s colors changed over the course of the first several issues of the Sonic the Hedgehog comic. She originally had bright, road cone orange fur color with blonde hair, then a pink fur color with black hair, then finally her trademark brown fur and dark red/brown hair! Talk about a bad hair day!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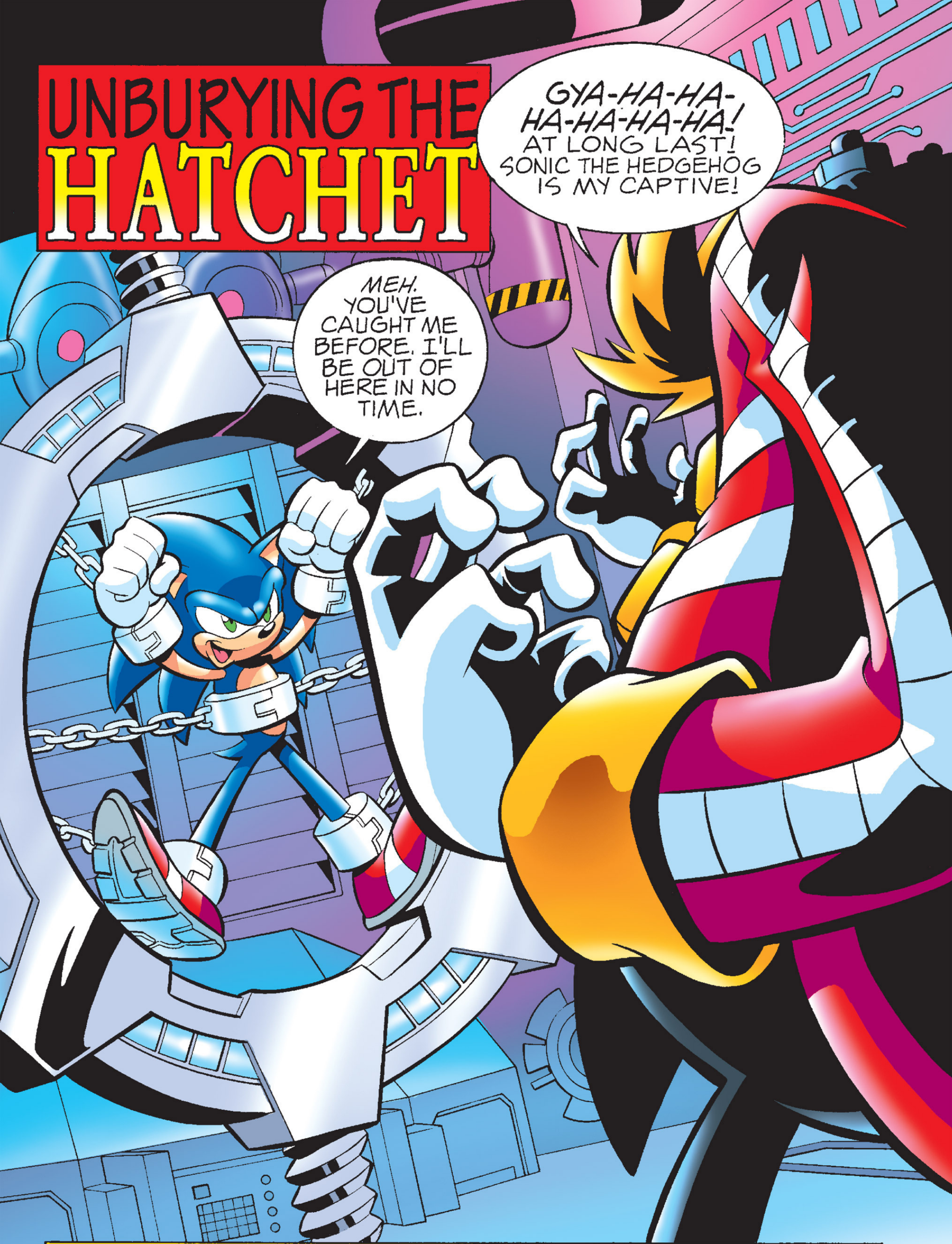
GYA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA! AT LONG LAST! SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS MY CAPTIVE!
MEH. YOU'VE CAUGHT ME BEFORE. I'LL BE OUT OF HERE IN NO TIME.

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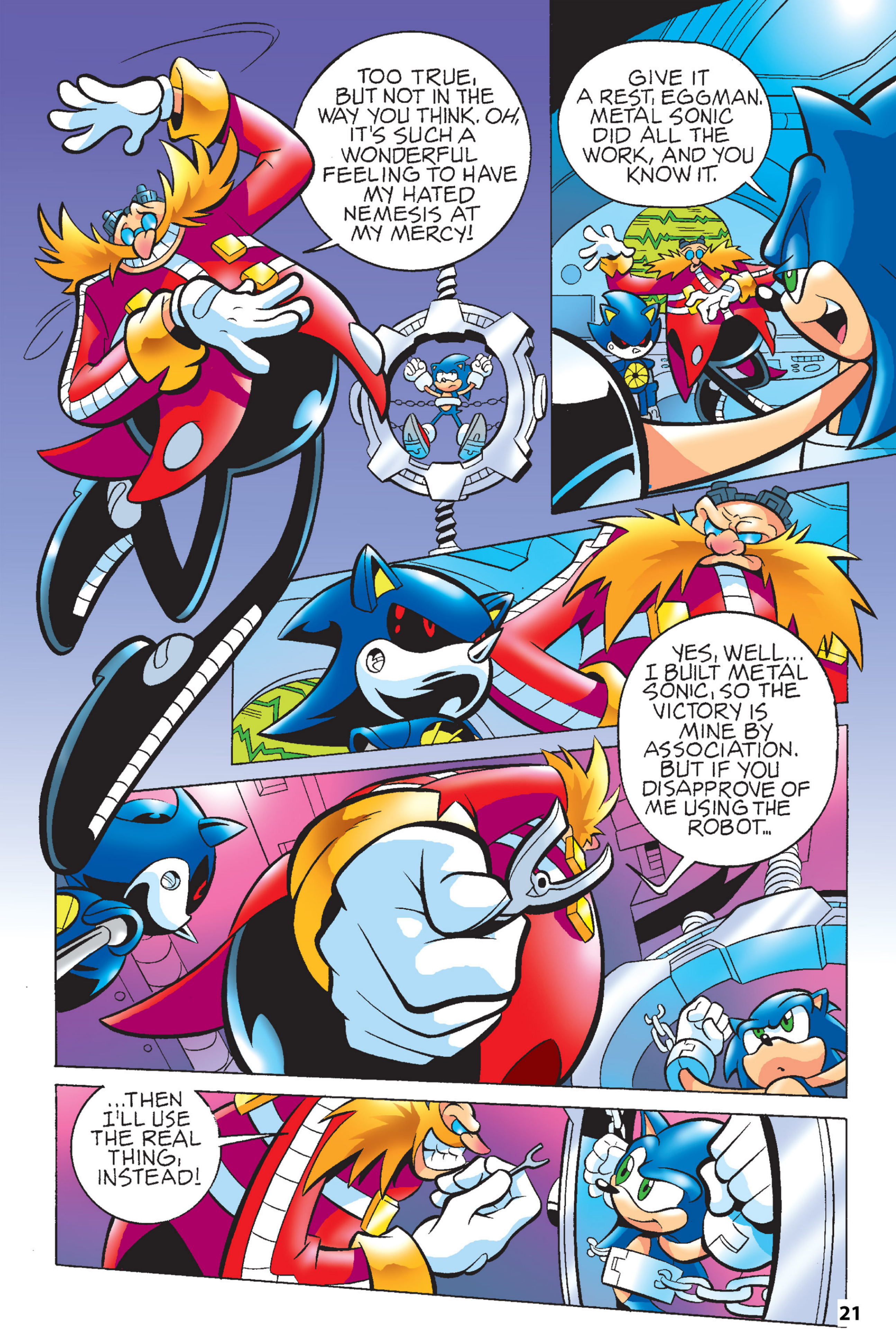
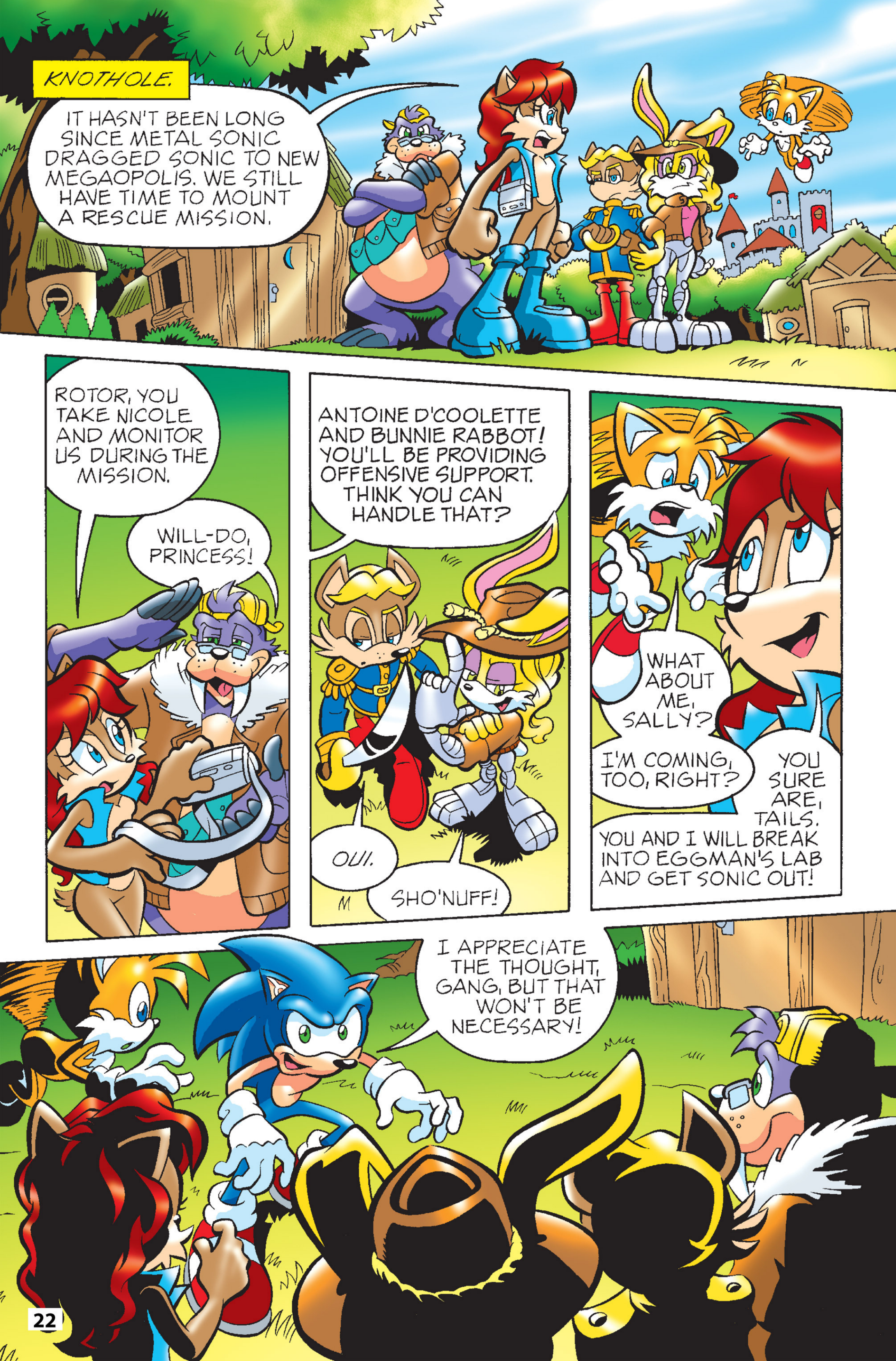
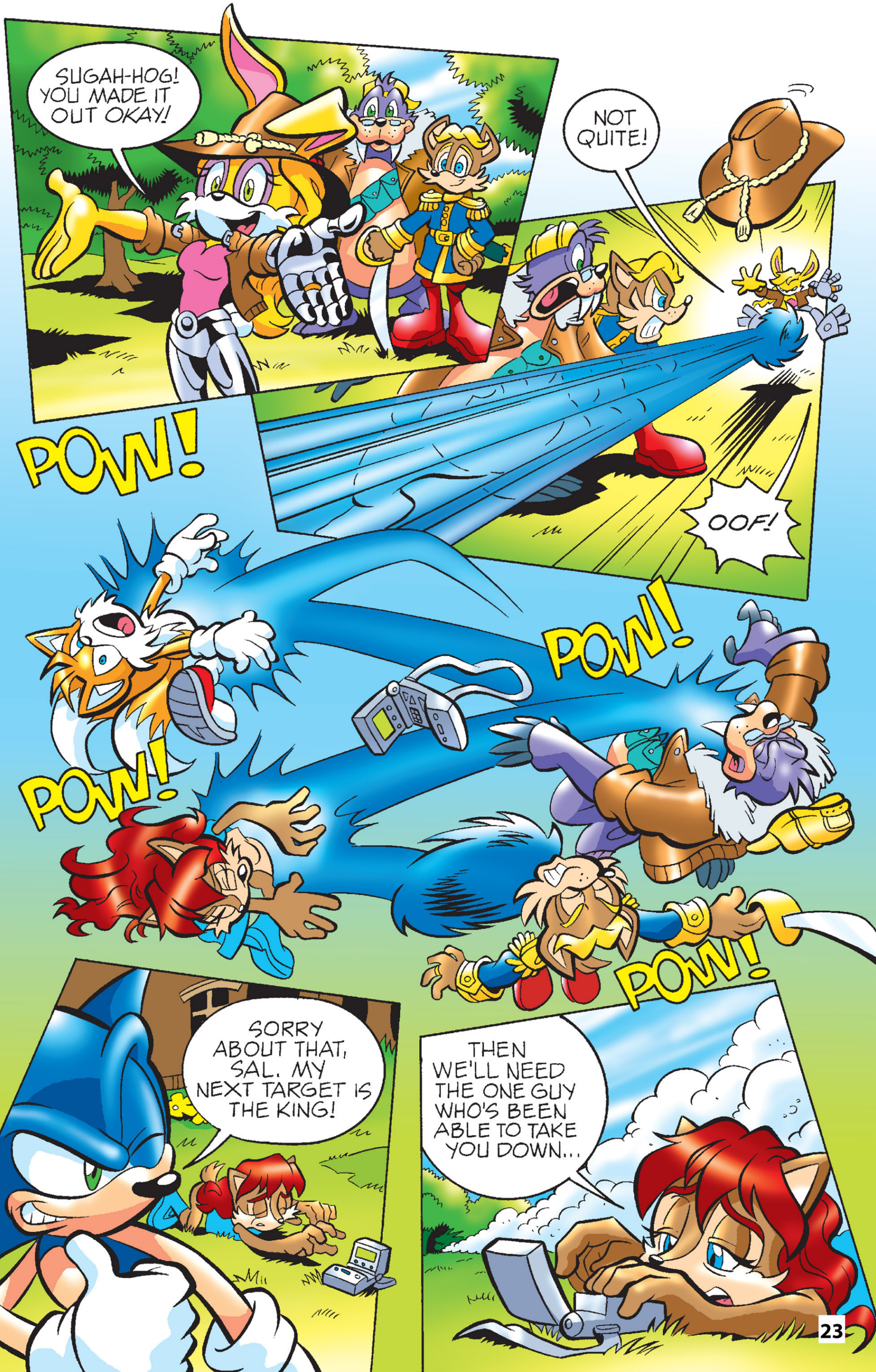
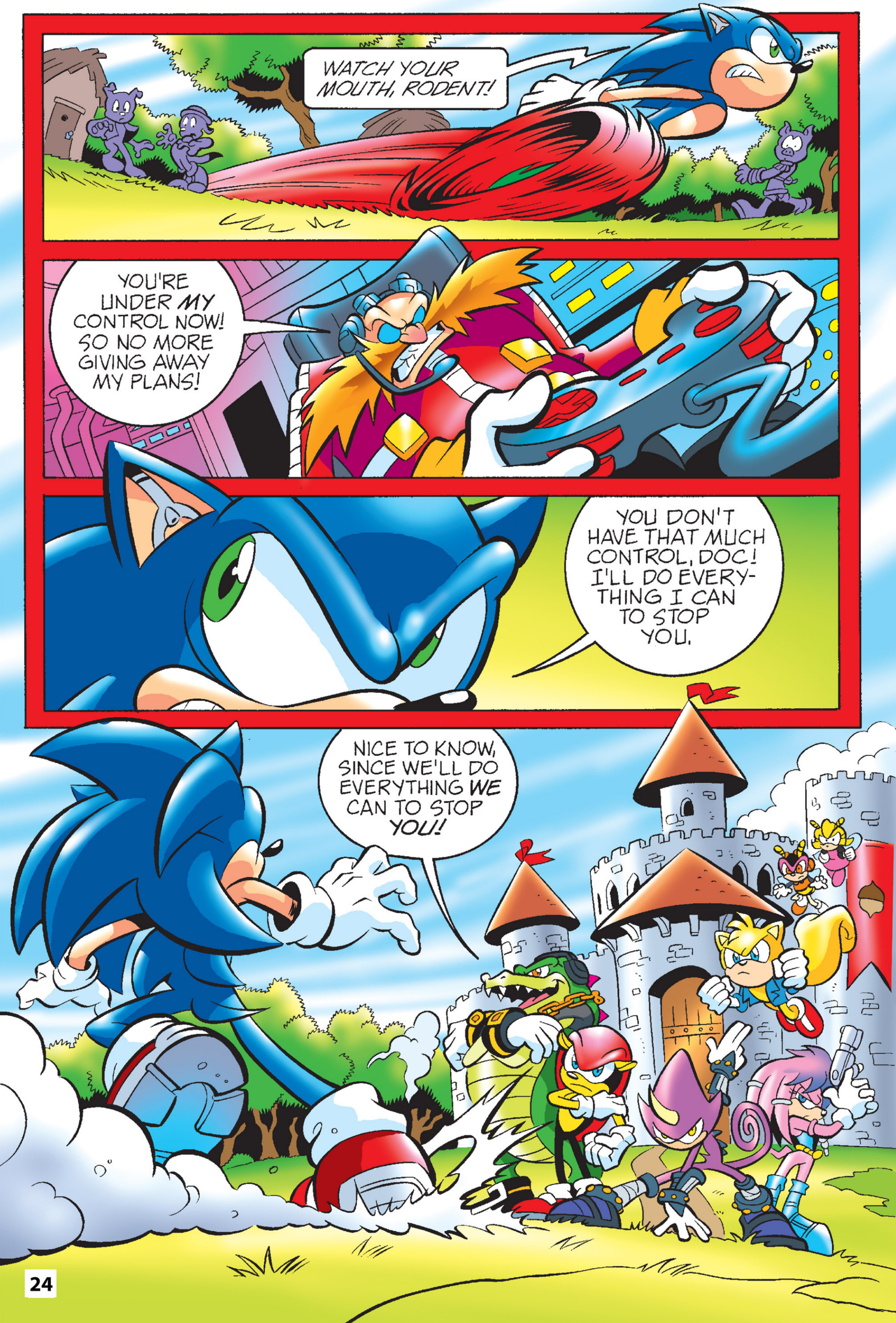
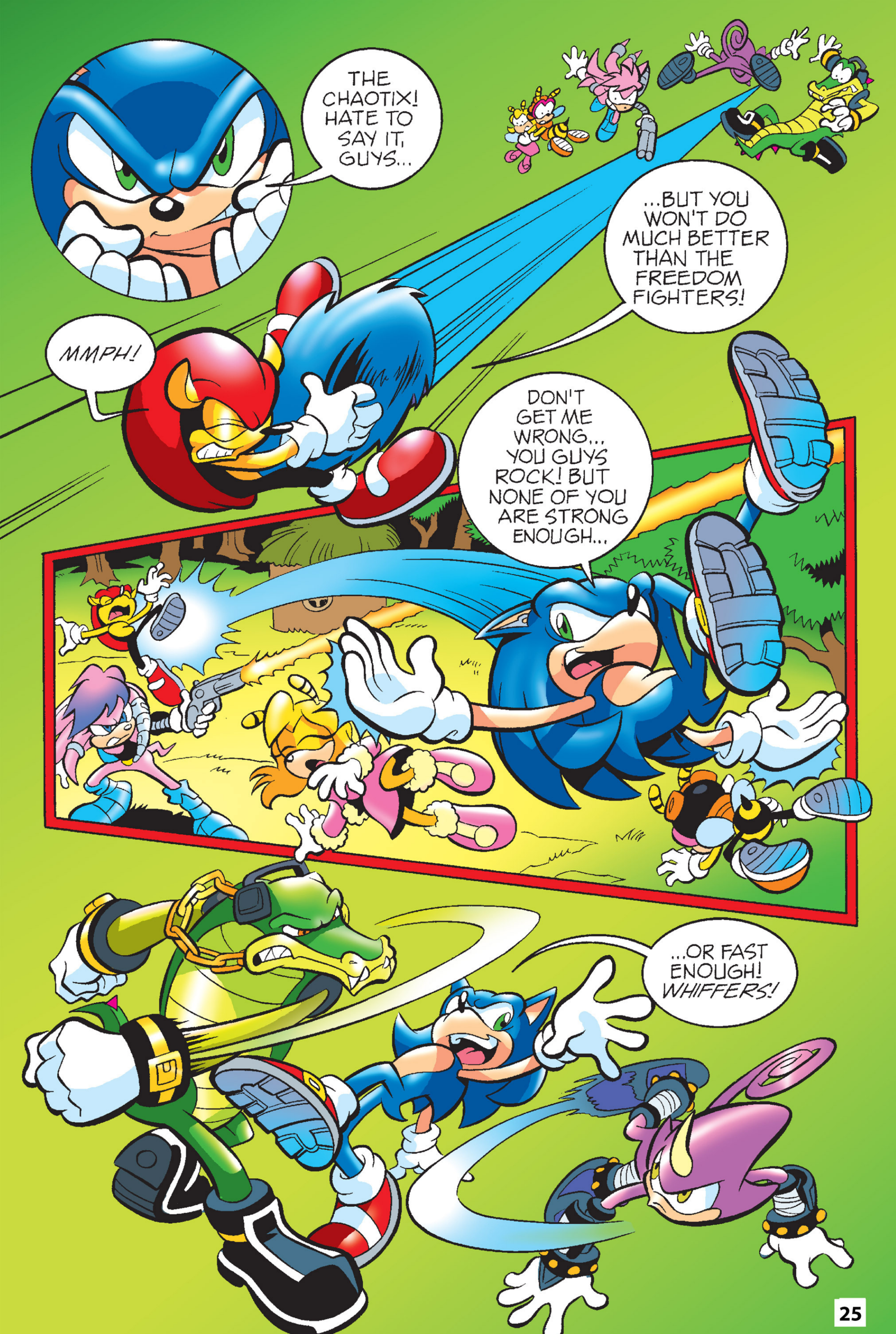
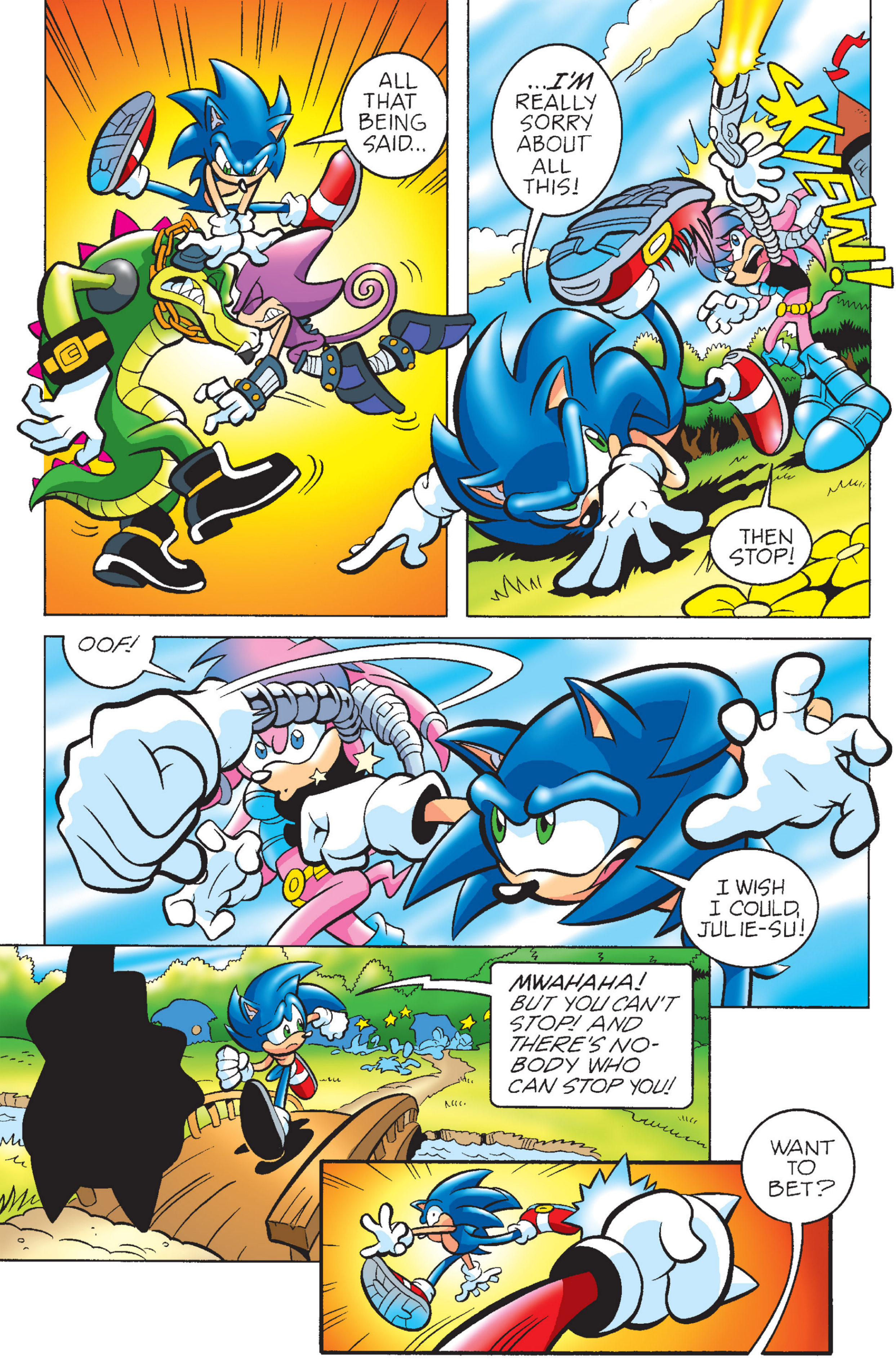

TOO TRUE, BUT NOT IN THE WAY YOU THINK. OH, IT'S SUCH A WONDERFUL FEELING TO HAVE MY HATED NEMESIS AT MY MERCY!
GIVE IT A REST, EGGMAN. METAL SONIC DID ALL THE WORK, AND YOU KNOW IT.
YES, WELL... I BUILT METAL SONIC, SO THE VICTORY IS MINE BY ASSOCIATION. BUT IF YOU DISAPPROVE OF ME USING THE ROBOT...
...THEN I'LL USE THE REAL THING, INSTEAD!

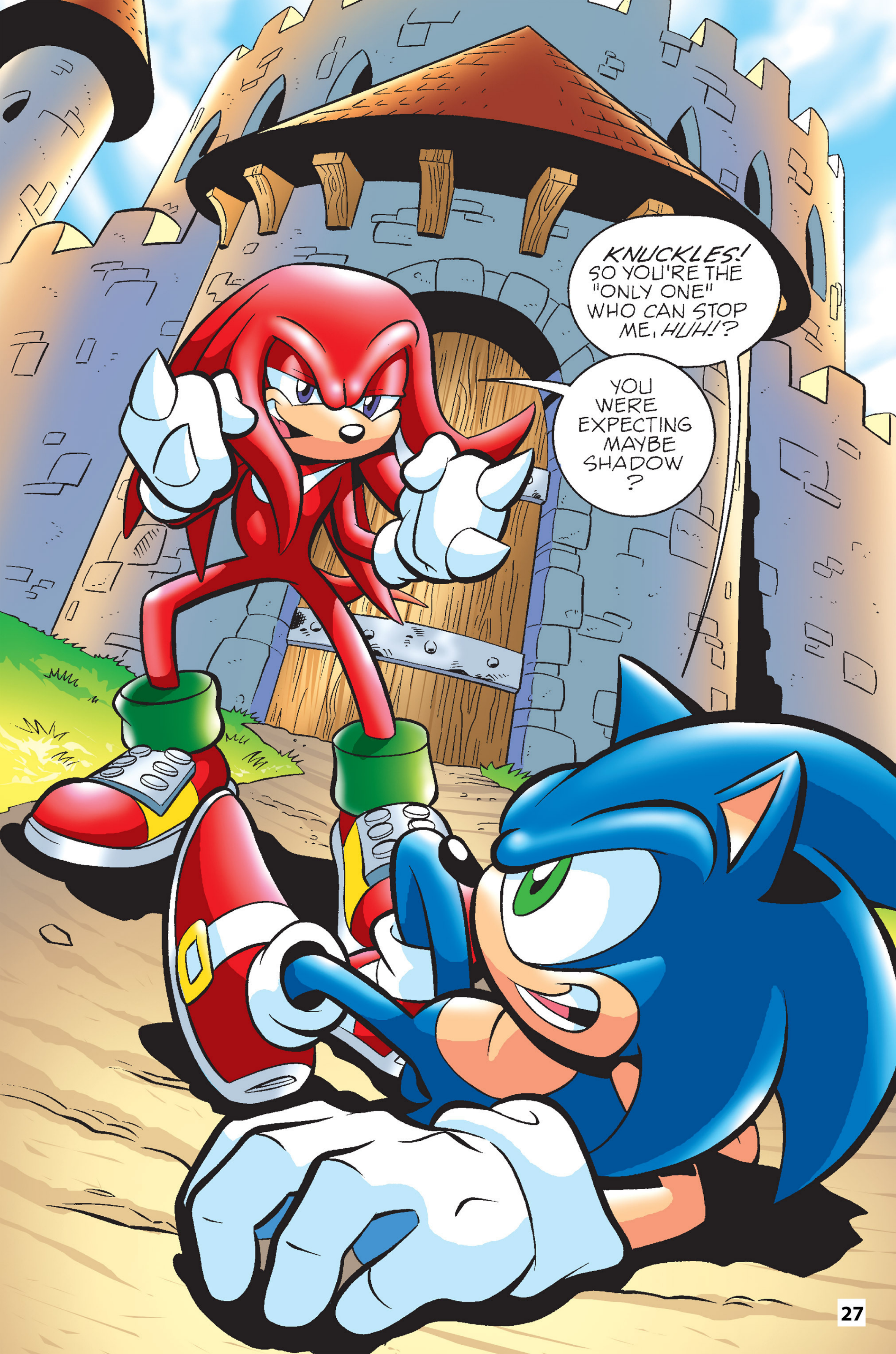

KNOTHOLE.
IT HASN'T BEEN LONG SINCE METAL SONIC DRAGGED SONIC TO NEW MEGAOPOLIS. WE STILL HAVE TIME TO MOUNT A RESCUE MISSION.
ROTOR, YOU TAKE NICOLE AND MONITOR US DURING THE MISSION.
WILL-DO, PRINCESS!
ANTOINE D'COOLETTE AND BUNNIE RABBOT! YOU'LL BE PROVIDING OFFENSIVE SUPPORT. THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THAT?
OUI.
SHO'NUFF!
WHAT ABOUT ME, SALLY?
I'M COMING, TOO, RIGHT?
YOU SURE ARE, TAILS.
YOU AND I WILL BREAK INTO EGGMAN'S LAB AND GET SONIC OUT!
I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT, GANG, BUT THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY!

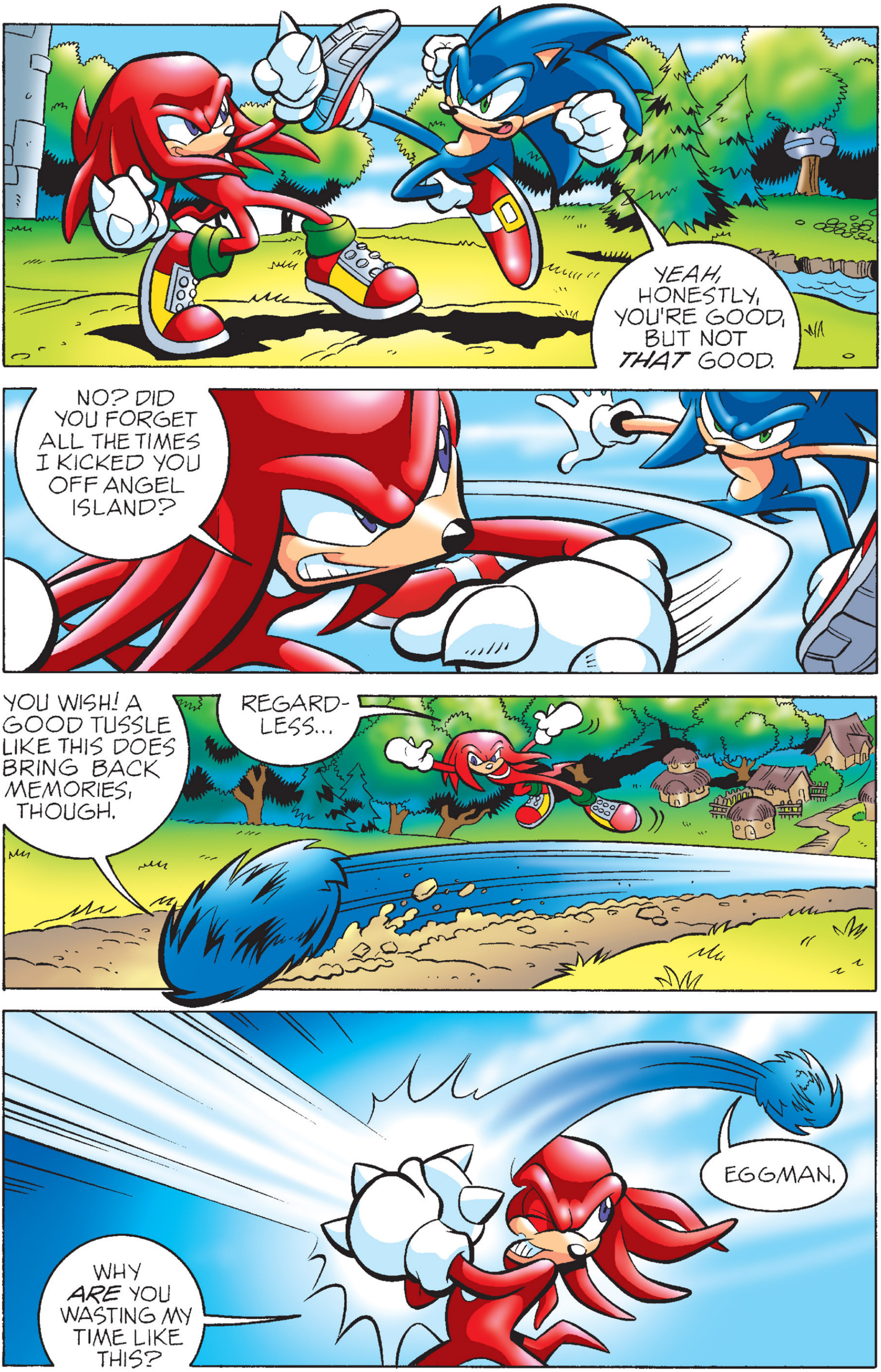

SUGAH-HOG! YOU MADE IT OUT OKAY!
NOT QUITE!
POW!
OOF!
POW!
POW!
POW!
SORRY ABOUT THAT, SAL. MY NEXT TARGET IS THE KING!
THEN WE'LL NEED THE ONE GUY WHO'S BEEN ABLE TO TAKE YOU DOWN...

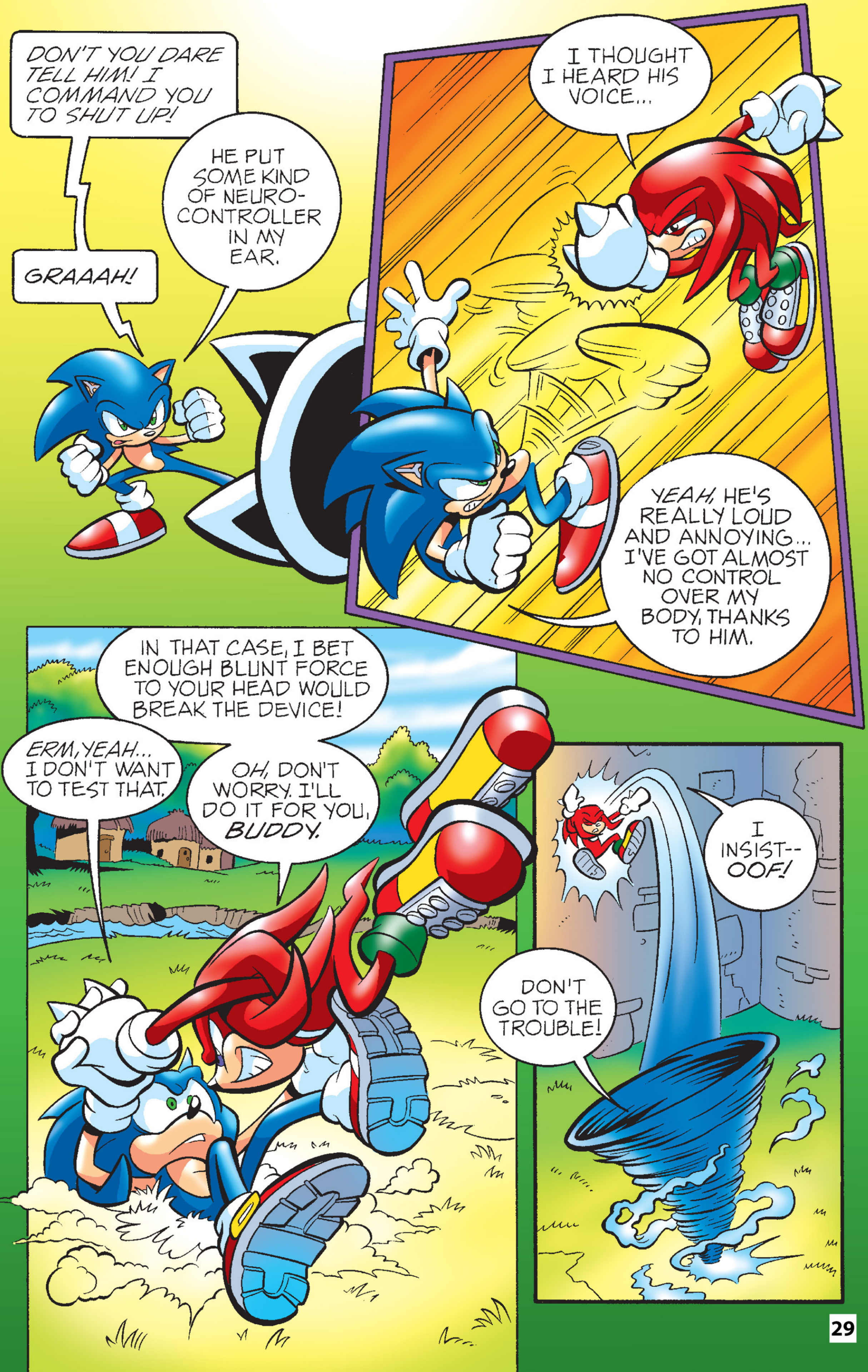

WATCH YOUR MOUTH, RODENT!
YOU'RE UNDER *MY* CONTROL NOW! SO NO MORE GIVING AWAY MY PLANS!
YOU DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH CONTROL, DOC! I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO STOP YOU.
NICE TO KNOW, SINCE WE'LL DO EVERYTHING *WE* CAN TO STOP *YOU!*

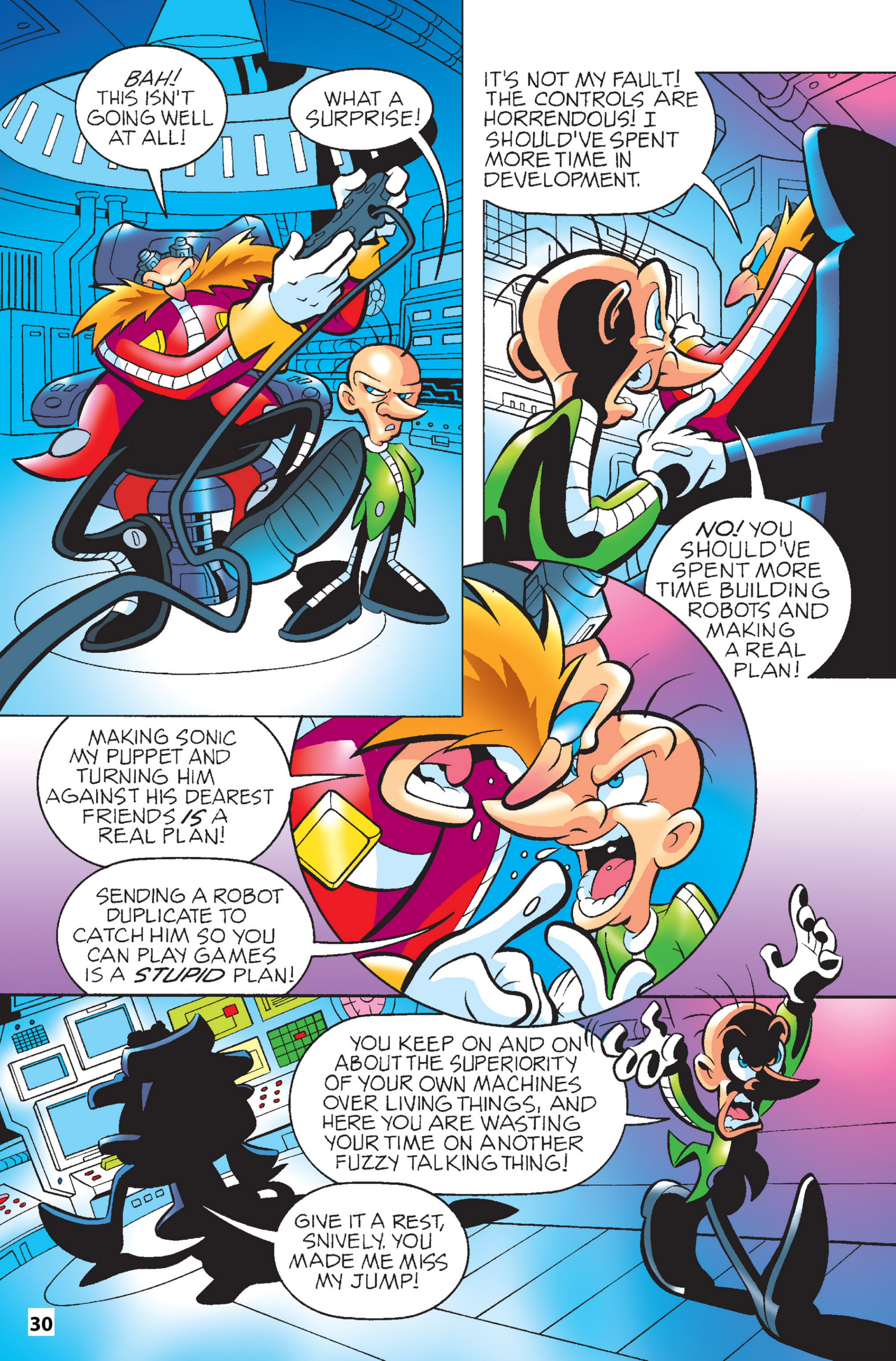

THE CHAOTIX! HATE TO SAY IT, GUYS...
...BUT YOU WON'T DO MUCH BETTER THAN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
MMPH!
DON'T GET ME WRONG... YOU GUYS ROCK! BUT NONE OF YOU ARE STRONG ENOUGH...
...OR FAST ENOUGH! *WHIFFERS!*

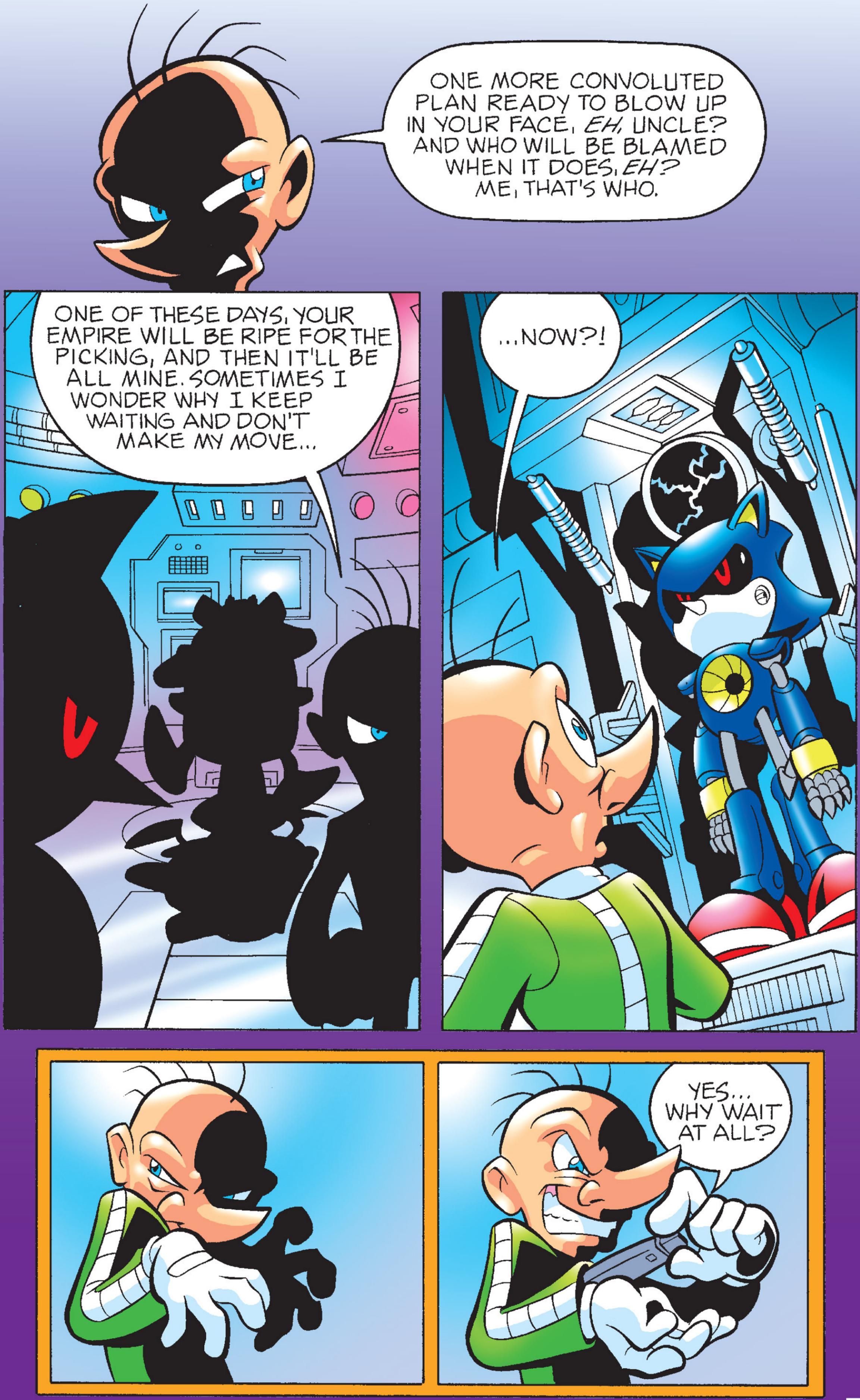

ALL THAT BEING SAID...
...I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT ALL THIS!
SKYEW!
THEN STOP!
OOF!
I WISH I COULD, JULIE-SU!
MWAHAHA! BUT YOU CAN'T STOP! AND THERE'S NOBODY WHO CAN STOP YOU!
WANT TO BET?

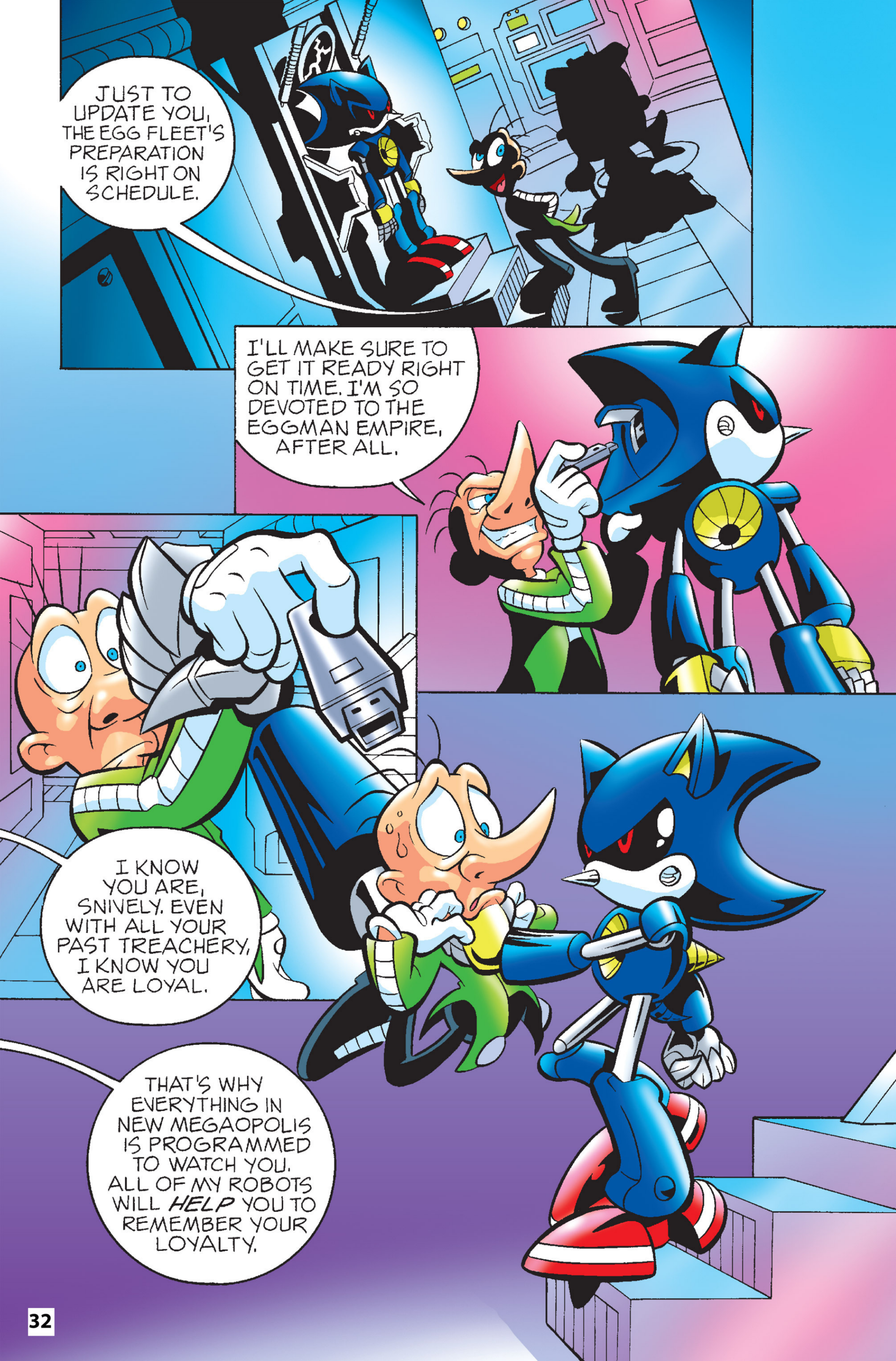

KNUCKLES! SO YOU'RE THE "ONLY ONE" WHO CAN STOP ME, *HUH!?*
YOU WERE EXPECTING MAYBE SHADOW?

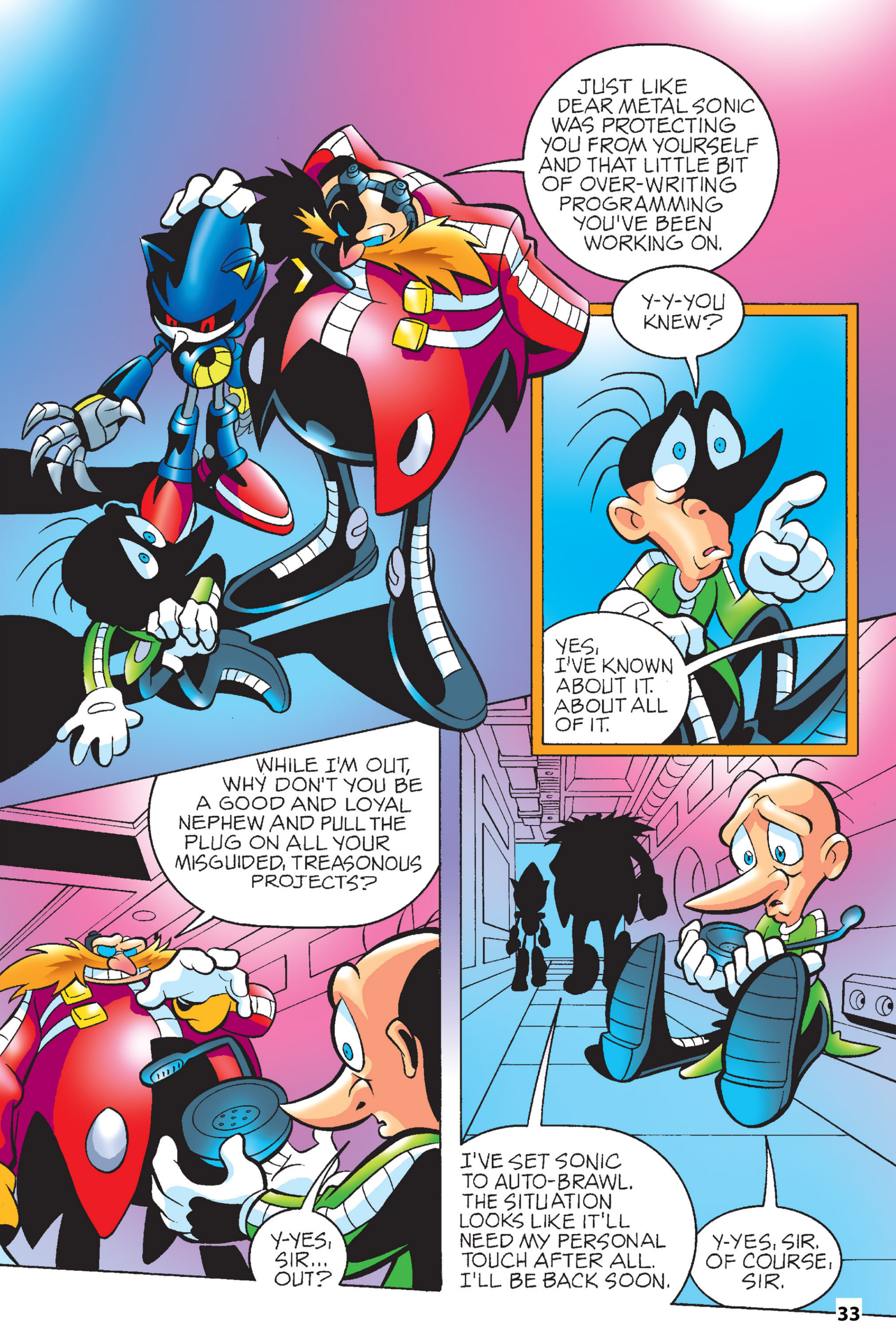

YEAH, HONESTLY, YOU'RE GOOD, BUT NOT *THAT* GOOD.
NO? DID YOU FORGET ALL THE TIMES I KICKED YOU OFF ANGEL ISLAND?
YOU WISH! A GOOD TUSSLE LIKE THIS DOES BRING BACK MEMORIES, THOUGH.
REGARDLESS...
EGGMAN.
WHY *ARE* YOU WASTING MY TIME LIKE THIS?

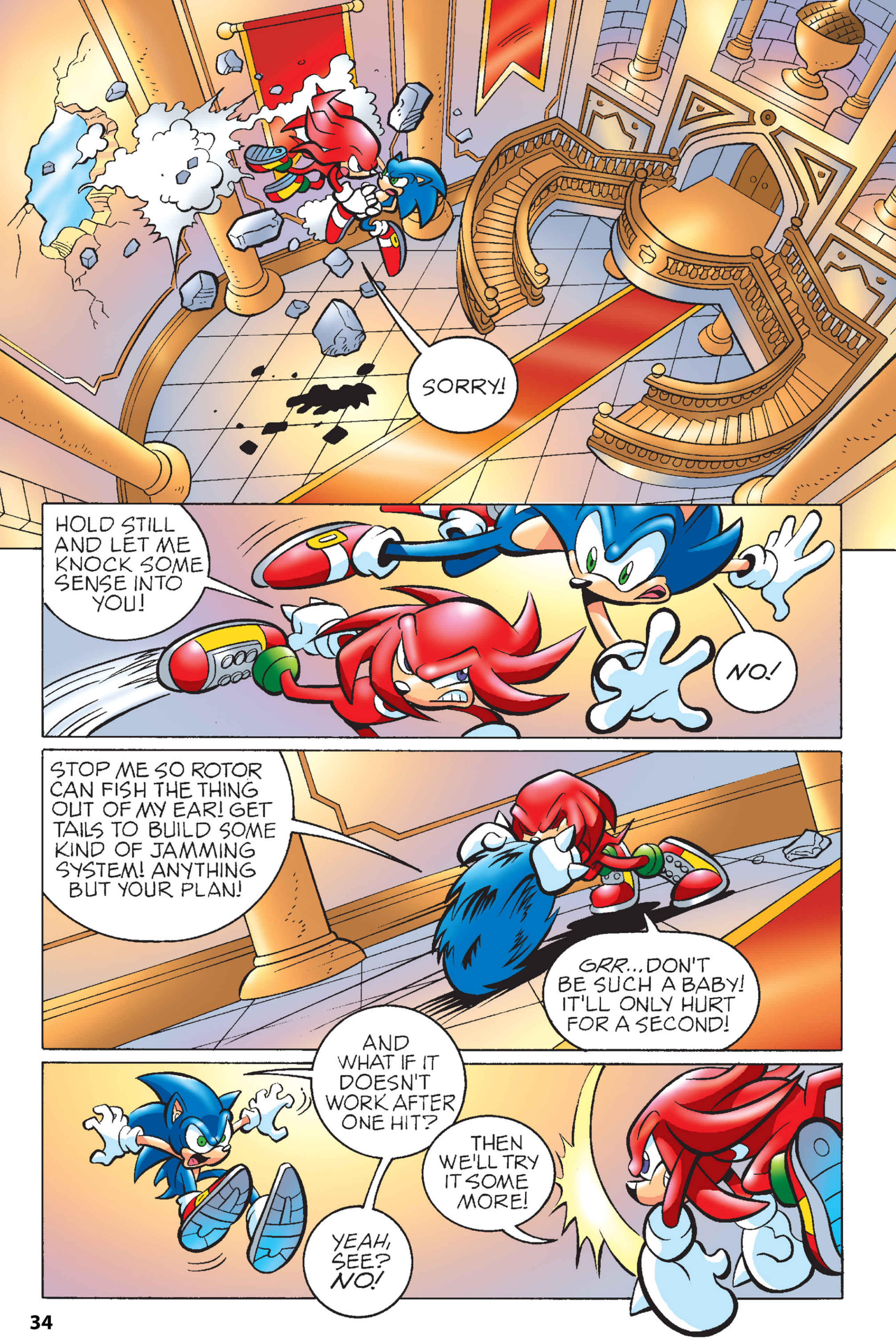

DON'T YOU DARE TELL HIM! I COMMAND YOU TO SHUT UP!
HE PUT SOME KIND OF NEURO-CONTROLLER IN MY EAR.
GRAAAH!
I THOUGHT I HEARD HIS VOICE...
YEAH, HE'S REALLY LOUD AND ANNOYING... I'VE GOT ALMOST NO CONTROL OVER MY BODY, THANKS TO HIM.
IN THAT CASE, I BET ENOUGH BLUNT FORCE TO YOUR HEAD WOULD BREAK THE DEVICE!
ERM, YEAH... I DON'T WANT TO TEST THAT.
OH, DON'T WORRY. I'LL DO IT FOR YOU, BUDDY.
I INSIST-- OOF!
DON'T GO TO THE TROUBLE!

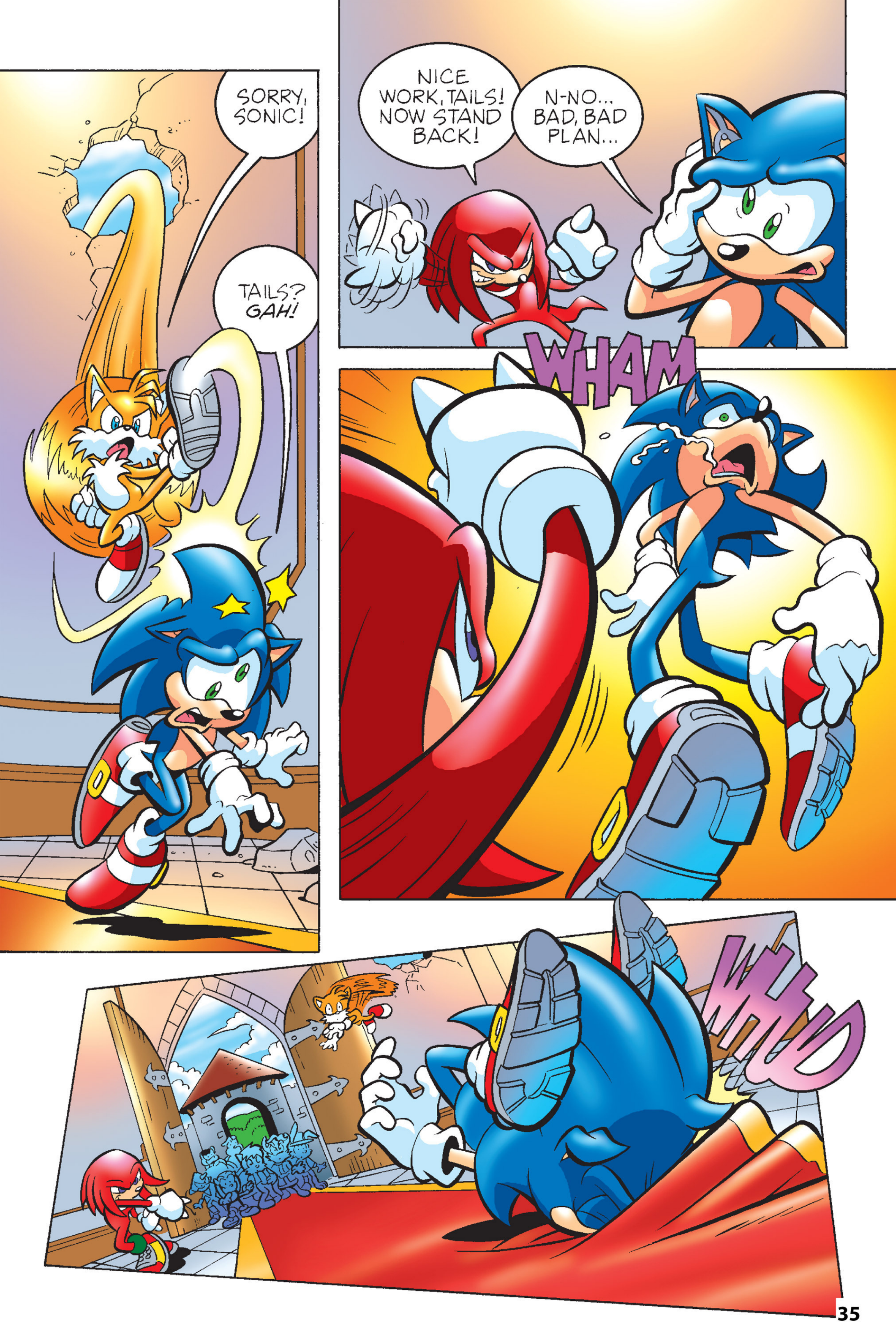

BAH! THIS ISN'T GOING WELL AT ALL!
WHAT A SURPRISE!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT! THE CONTROLS ARE HORRENDOUS! I SHOULD'VE SPENT MORE TIME IN DEVELOPMENT.
NO! YOU SHOULD'VE SPENT MORE TIME BUILDING ROBOTS AND MAKING A REAL PLAN!
MAKING SONIC MY PUPPET AND TURNING HIM AGAINST HIS DEAREST FRIENDS *IS* A REAL PLAN!
SENDING A ROBOT DUPLICATE TO CATCH HIM SO YOU CAN PLAY GAMES IS A *STUPID* PLAN!
YOU KEEP ON AND ON ABOUT THE SUPERIORITY OF YOUR OWN MACHINES OVER LIVING THINGS, AND HERE YOU ARE WASTING YOUR TIME ON ANOTHER FUZZY TALKING THING!
GIVE IT A REST, SNIVELY. YOU MADE ME MISS MY JUMP!

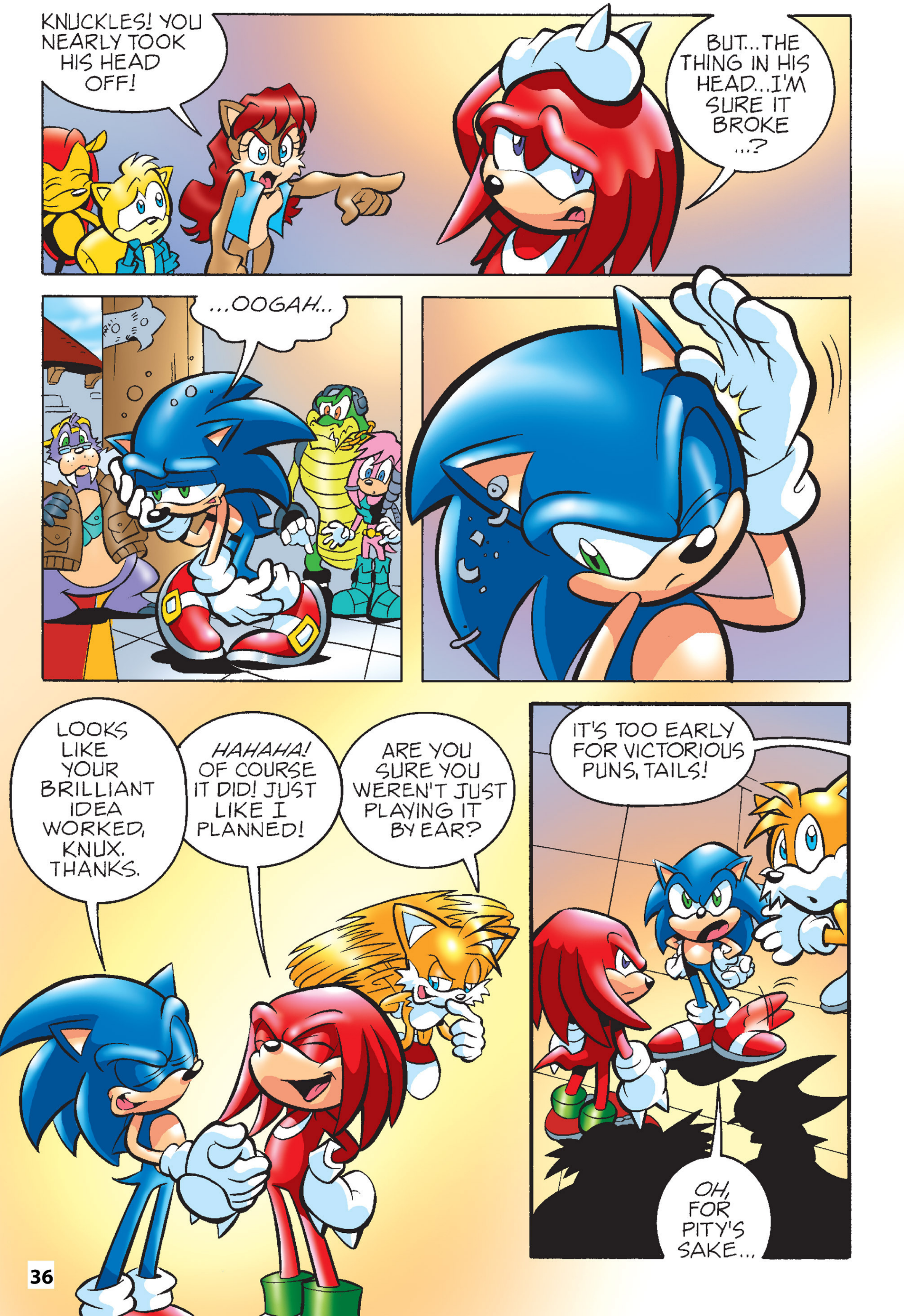

ONE MORE CONVOLUTED PLAN READY TO BLOW UP IN YOUR FACE, *EH,* UNCLE? AND WHO WILL BE BLAMED WHEN IT DOES, *EH?* ME, THAT'S WHO.
ONE OF THESE DAYS, YOUR EMPIRE WILL BE RIPE FOR THE PICKING, AND THEN IT'LL BE ALL MINE. SOMETIMES I WONDER WHY I KEEP WAITING AND DON'T MAKE MY MOVE...
...NOW?!
YES... WHY WAIT AT ALL?

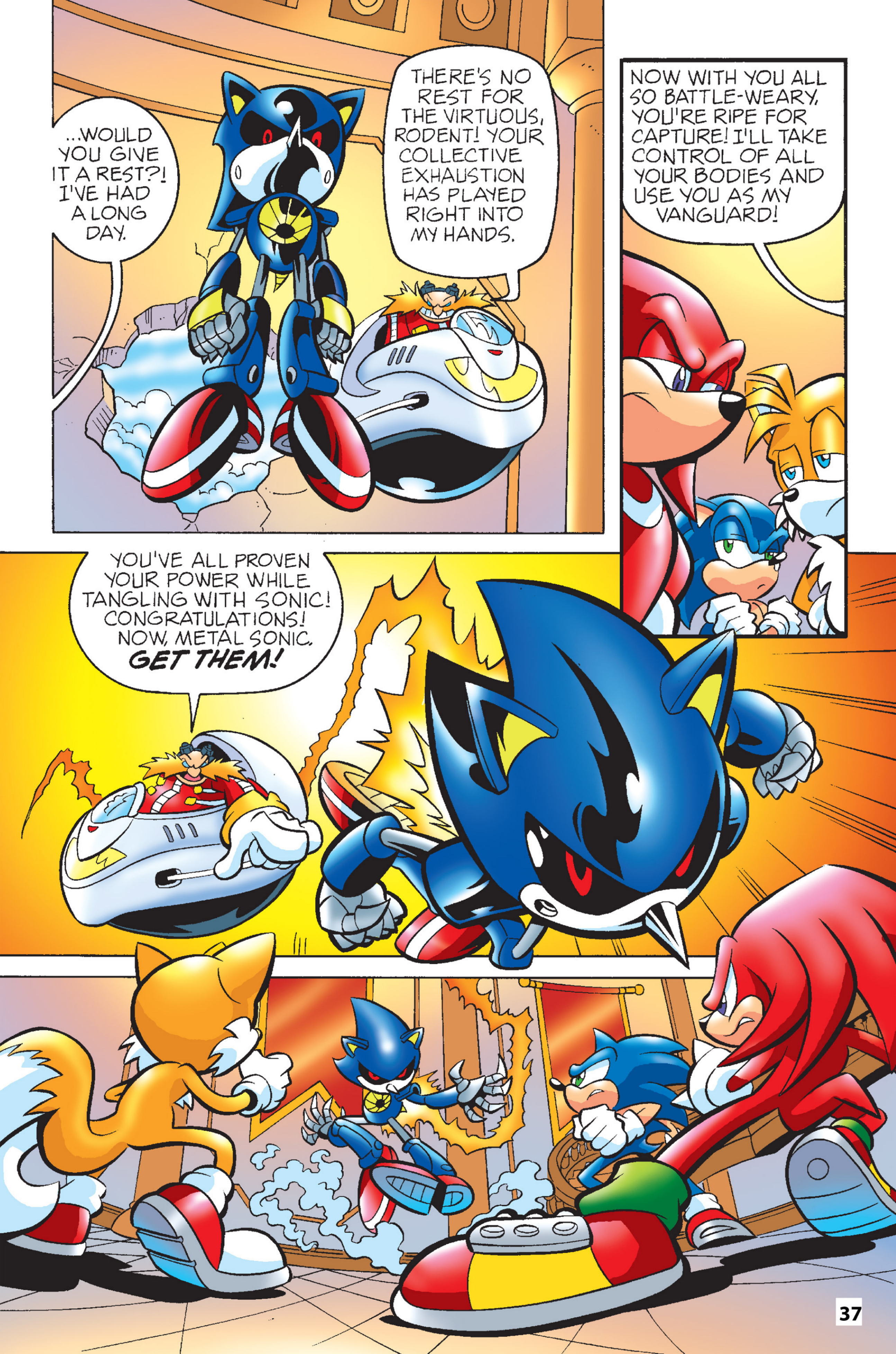

JUST TO UPDATE YOU, THE EGG FLEET'S PREPARATION IS RIGHT ON SCHEDULE.
I'LL MAKE SURE TO GET IT READY RIGHT ON TIME. I'M SO DEVOTED TO THE EGGMAN EMPIRE, AFTER ALL.
I KNOW YOU ARE, SNIVELY. EVEN WITH ALL YOUR PAST TREACHERY, I KNOW YOU ARE LOYAL.
THAT'S WHY EVERYTHING IN NEW MEGAOPOLIS IS PROGRAMMED TO WATCH YOU. ALL OF MY ROBOTS WILL *HELP* YOU TO REMEMBER YOUR LOYALTY.

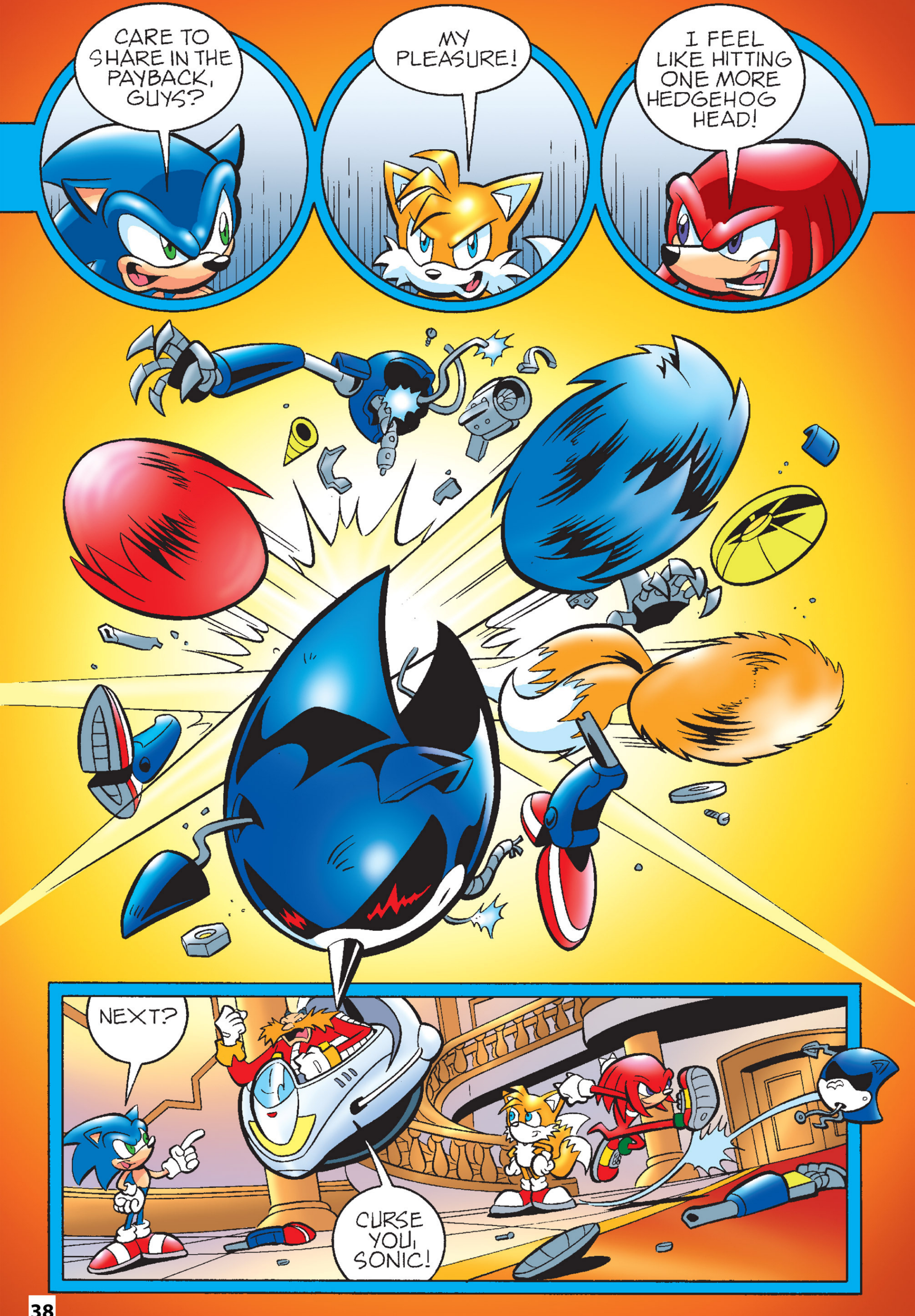

JUST LIKE DEAR METAL SONIC WAS PROTECTING YOU FROM YOURSELF AND THAT LITTLE BIT OF OVER-WRITING PROGRAMMING YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON.
Y-Y-YOU KNEW?
YES, I'VE KNOWN ABOUT IT. ABOUT ALL OF IT.
WHILE I'M OUT, WHY DON'T YOU BE A GOOD AND LOYAL NEPHEW AND PULL THE PLUG ON ALL YOUR MISGUIDED, TREASONOUS PROJECTS?
Y-YES, SIR... OUT?
I'VE SET SONIC TO AUTO-BRAWL. THE SITUATION LOOKS LIKE IT'LL NEED MY PERSONAL TOUCH AFTER ALL. I'LL BE BACK SOON.
Y-YES, SIR. OF COURSE, SIR.

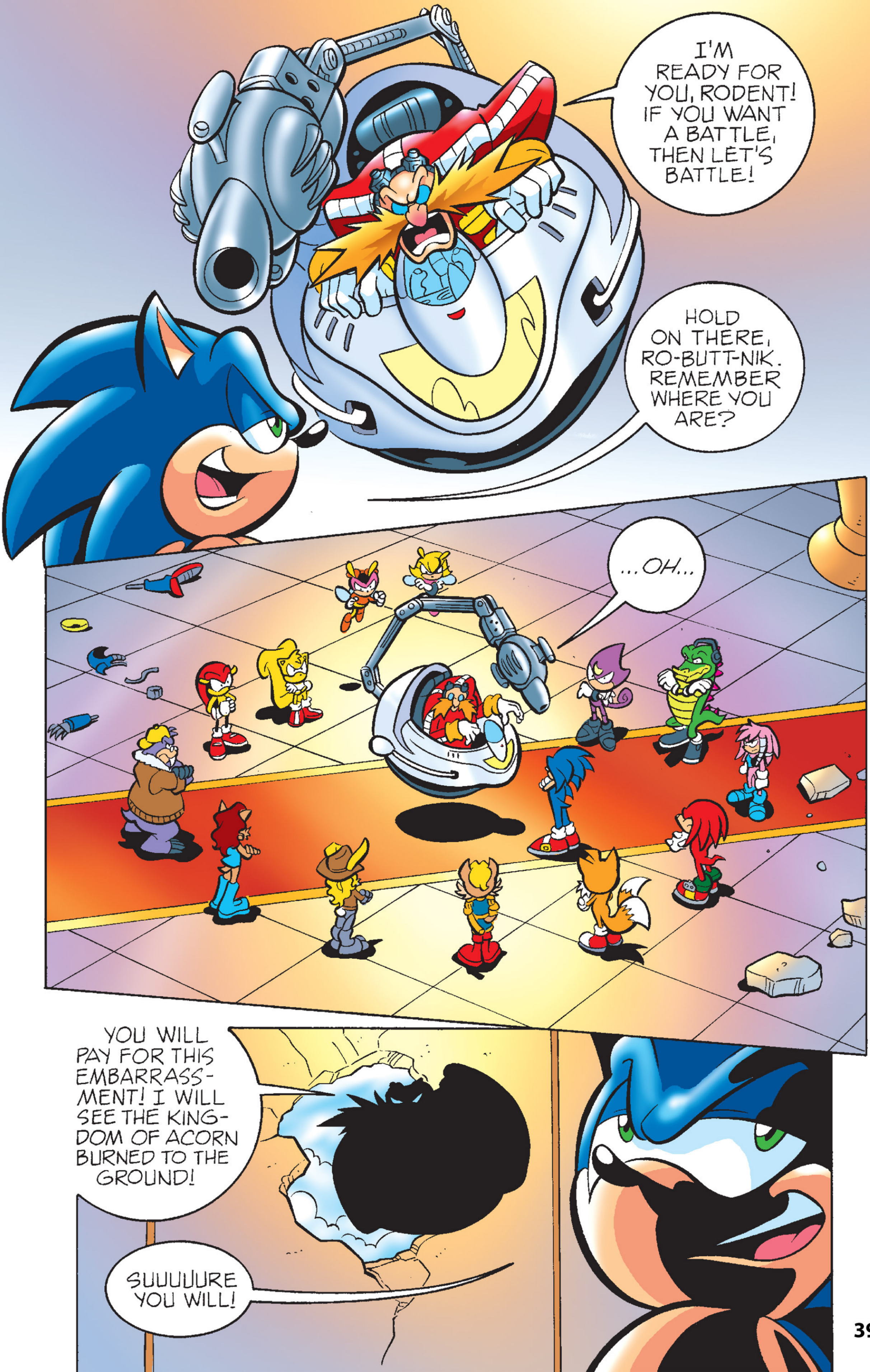

SORRY!
HOLD STILL AND LET ME KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO YOU!
NO!
STOP ME SO ROTOR CAN FISH THE THING OUT OF MY EAR! GET TAILS TO BUILD SOME KIND OF JAMMING SYSTEM! ANYTHING BUT YOUR PLAN!
GRR... DON'T BE SUCH A BABY! IT'LL ONLY HURT FOR A SECOND!
AND WHAT IF IT DOESN'T WORK AFTER ONE HIT?
THEN WE'LL TRY IT SOME MORE!
YEAH, SEE? NO!

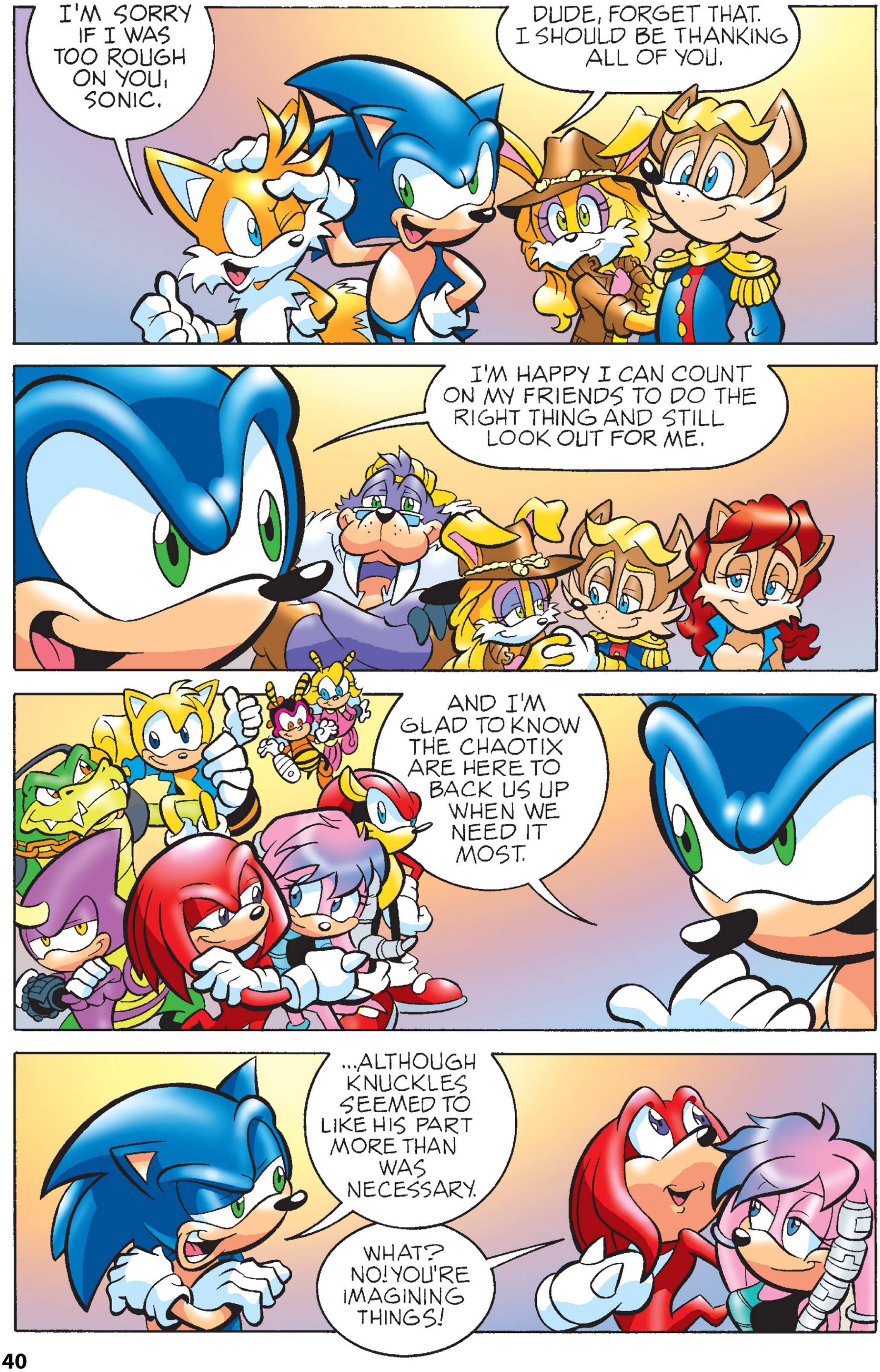

SORRY, SONIC!
TAILS? *GAH!*
NICE WORK, TAILS! NOW STAND BACK!
N-NO... BAD, BAD PLAN...
WHAM
WHUD

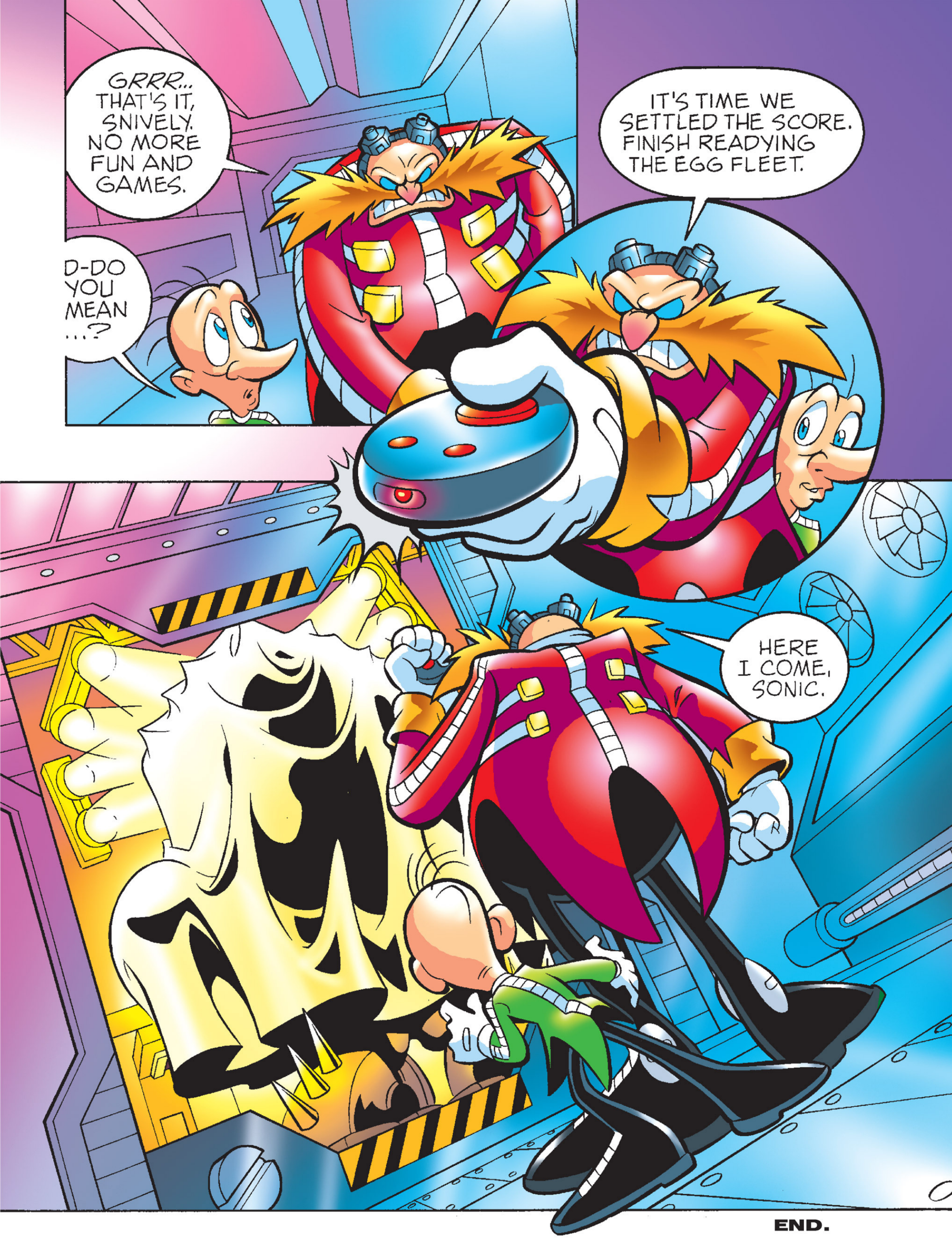

KNUCKLES! YOU NEARLY TOOK HIS HEAD OFF!
BUT...THE THING IN HIS HEAD...I'M SURE IT BROKE ...?
...OOGAH...
LOOKS LIKE YOUR BRILLIANT IDEA WORKED, KNUX. THANKS.
HAHAHA! OF COURSE IT DID! JUST LIKE I PLANNED!
ARE YOU SURE YOU WEREN'T JUST PLAYING IT BY EAR?
IT'S TOO EARLY FOR VICTORIOUS PUNS, TAILS!
OH, FOR PITY'S SAKE...


...WOULD YOU GIVE IT A REST?! I'VE HAD A LONG DAY.
THERE'S NO REST FOR THE VIRTUOUS, RODENT! YOUR COLLECTIVE EXHAUSTION HAS PLAYED RIGHT INTO MY HANDS.
NOW WITH YOU ALL SO BATTLE-WEARY, YOU'RE RIPE FOR CAPTURE! I'LL TAKE CONTROL OF ALL YOUR BODIES AND USE YOU AS MY VANGUARD!
YOU'VE ALL PROVEN YOUR POWER WHILE TANGLING WITH SONIC! CONGRATULATIONS! NOW, METAL SONIC. ***GET THEM!***


CARE TO SHARE IN THE PAYBACK, GUYS?
MY PLEASURE!
I FEEL LIKE HITTING ONE MORE HEDGEHOG HEAD!
NEXT?
CURSE YOU, SONIC!


I'M READY FOR YOU, RODENT! IF YOU WANT A BATTLE, THEN LET'S BATTLE!
HOLD ON THERE, RO-BUTT-NIK. REMEMBER WHERE YOU ARE?
...OH...
YOU WILL PAY FOR THIS EMBARRASSMENT! I WILL SEE THE KINGDOM OF ACORN BURNED TO THE GROUND!
SUUUUURE YOU WILL!


I'M SORRY IF I WAS TOO ROUGH ON YOU, SONIC.
DUDE, FORGET THAT. I SHOULD BE THANKING ALL OF YOU.
I'M HAPPY I CAN COUNT ON MY FRIENDS TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND STILL LOOK OUT FOR ME.
AND I'M GLAD TO KNOW THE CHAOTIX ARE HERE TO BACK US UP WHEN WE NEED IT MOST.
...ALTHOUGH KNUCKLES SEEMED TO LIKE HIS PART MORE THAN WAS NECESSARY.
WHAT? NO! YOU'RE IMAGINING THINGS!


GRRR... THAT'S IT, SNIVELY. NO MORE FUN AND GAMES.
D-DO YOU MEAN ...?
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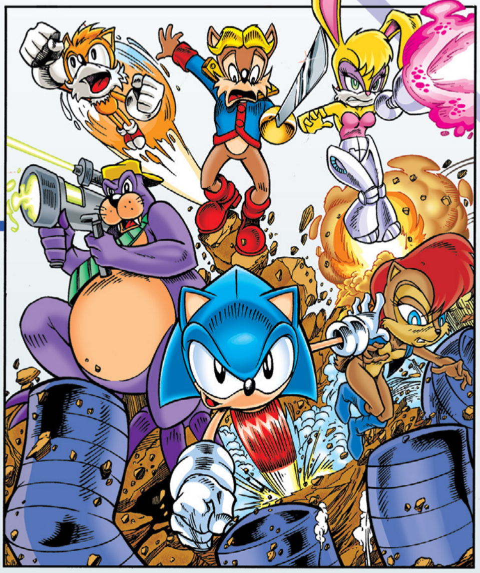

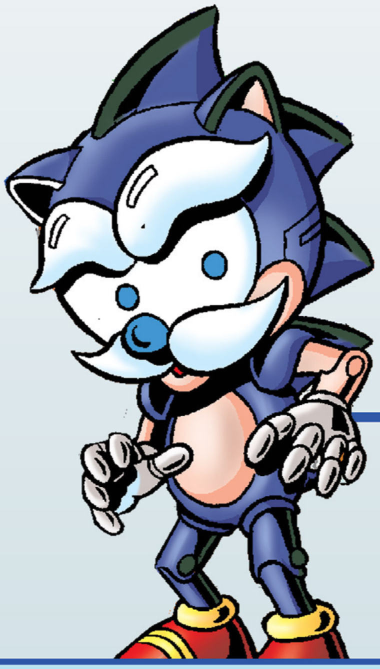

WHEN ROBOTNIK TOOK OVER, MANY OF THE CITIZENS OF **MOBOTROPOLIS** WERE TURNED INTO MINDLESS ROBOTIC SLAVES THROUGH THE PROCESS OF "**ROBOTICIZATION**". ONE OF THESE WAS SONIC'S BELOVED **UNCLE CHUCK** WHO, THANKS TO SONIC, WAS ABLE TO RETAIN HIS PERSONALTY DESPITE HIS ROBOTIC EXTERIOR!

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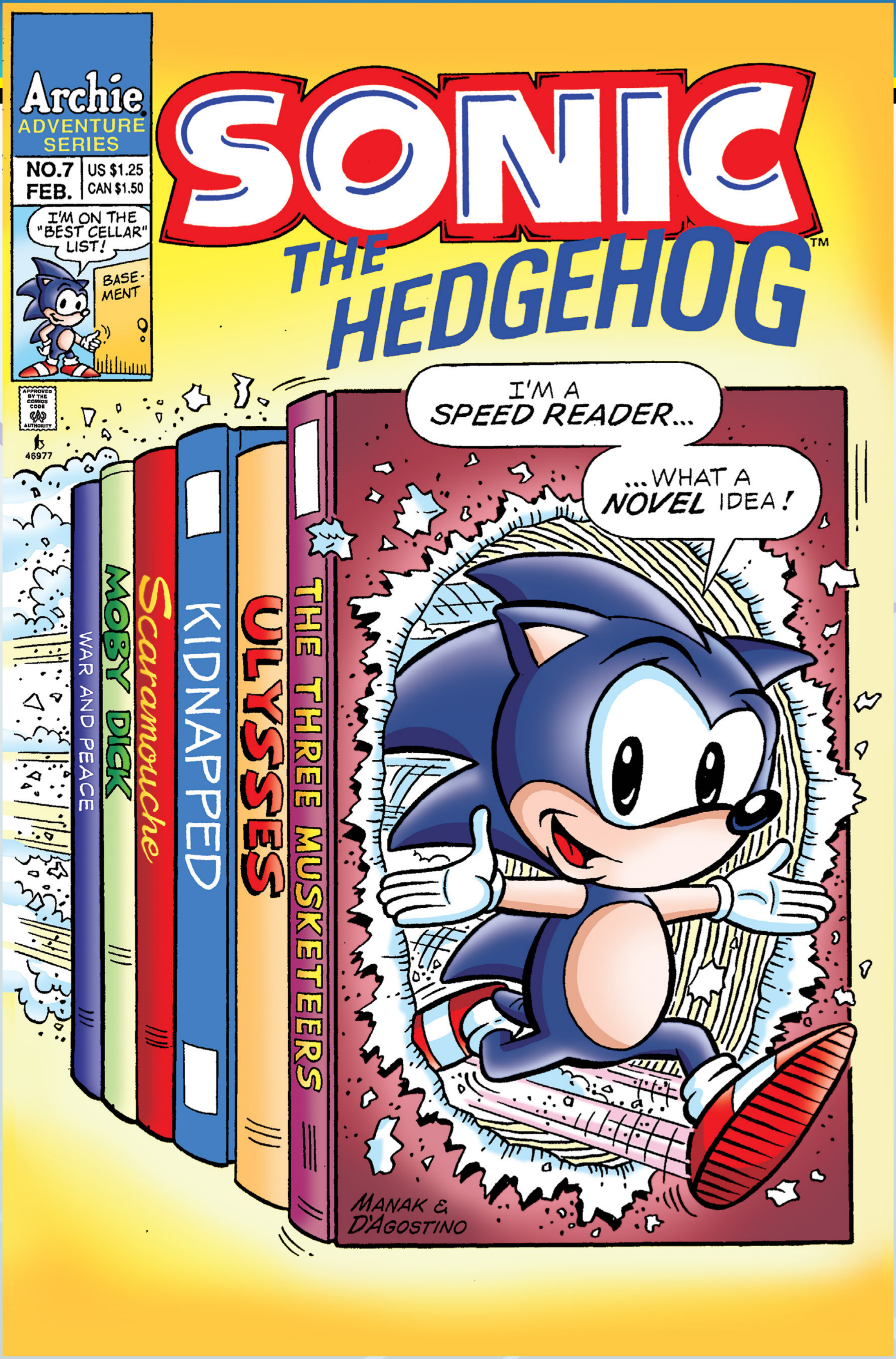
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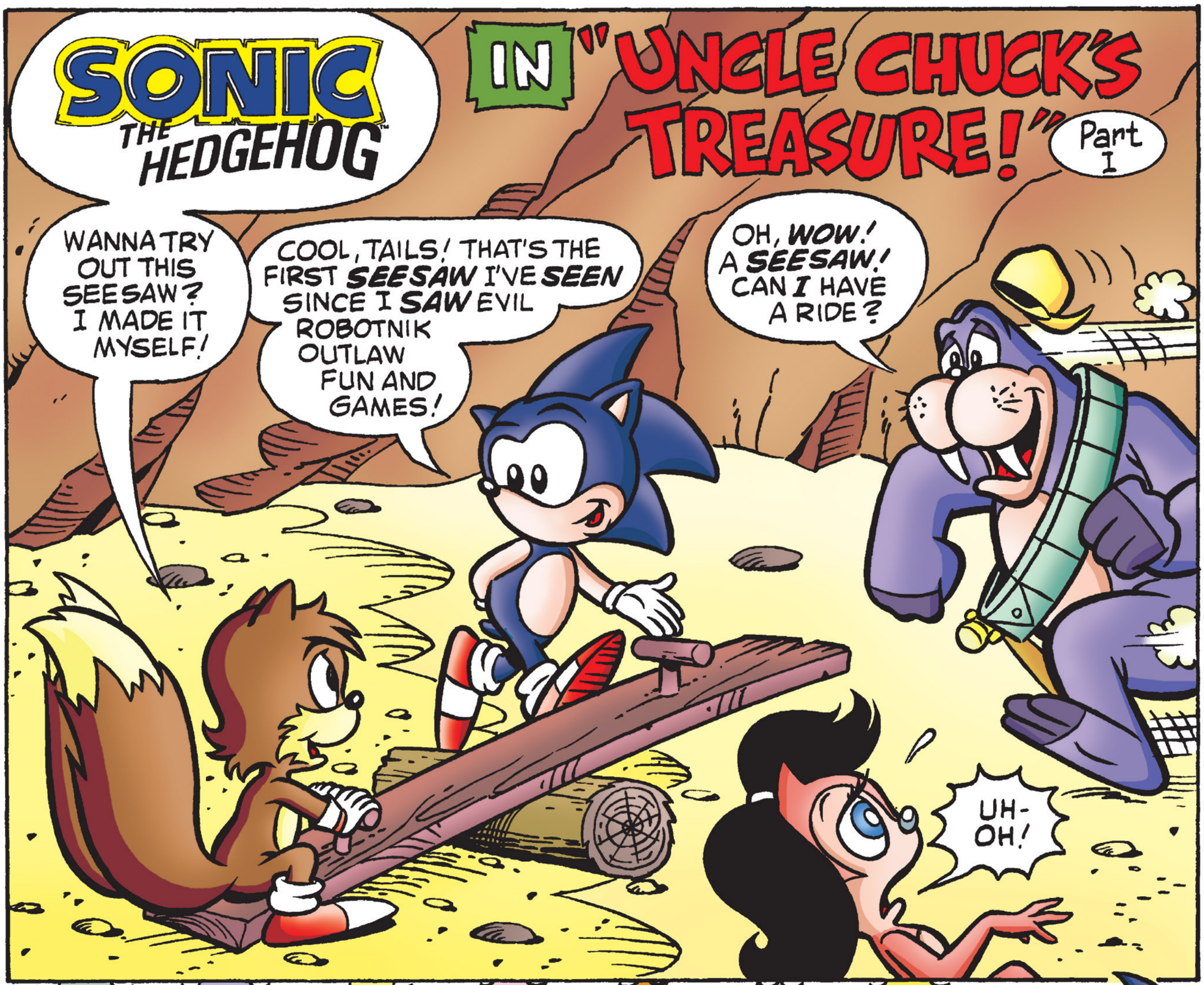
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN "UNCLE CHUCK'S TREASURE!" Part I


WANNA TRY OUT THIS SEESAW? I MADE IT MYSELF!
COOL, TAILS! THAT'S THE FIRST SEESAW I'VE SEEN SINCE I SAW EVIL ROBOTNIK OUTLAW FUN AND GAMES!
OH, WOW! A SEESAW! CAN I HAVE A RIDE?
UH-OH!

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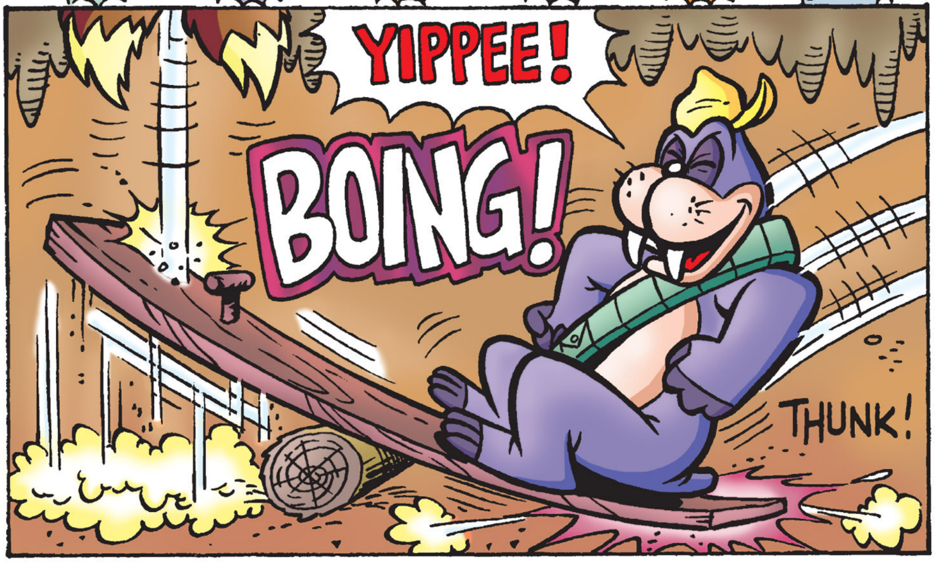
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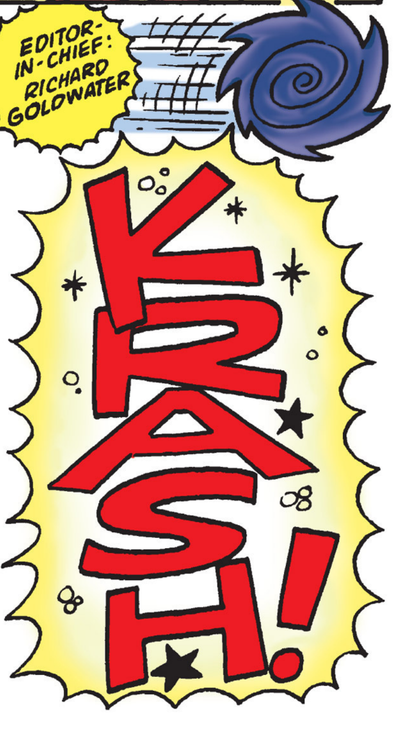
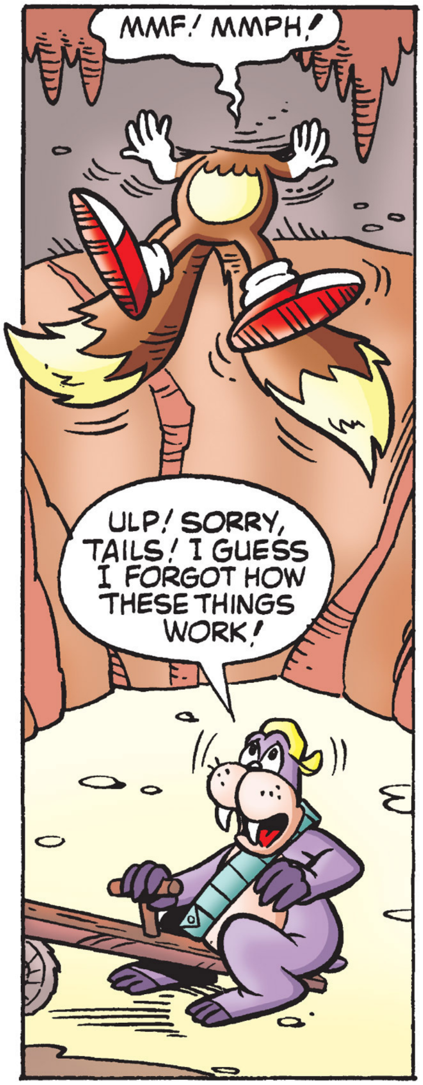
THUNK!

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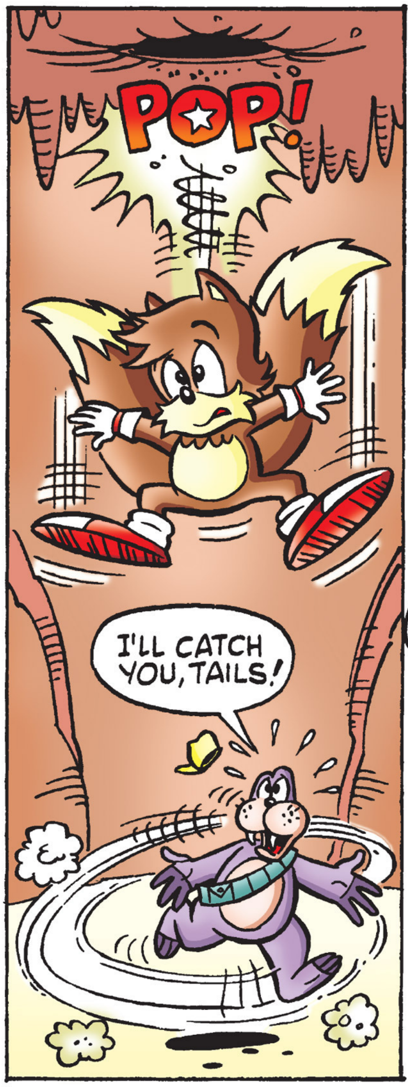
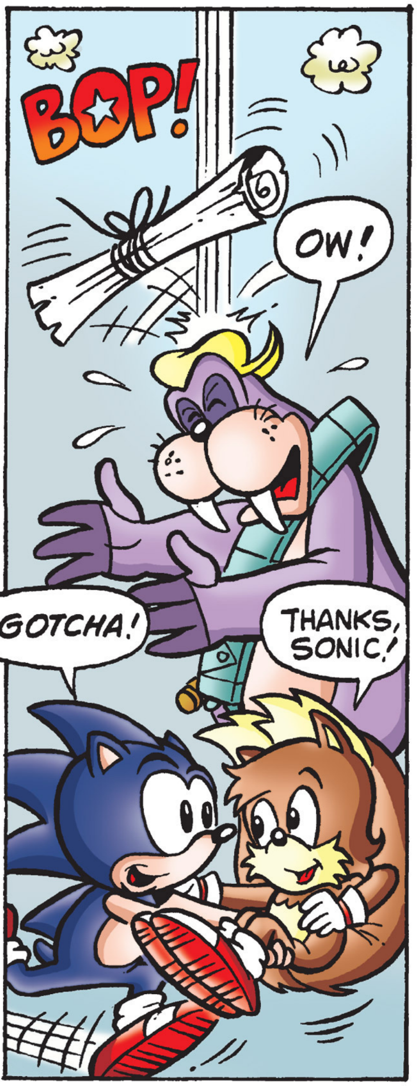
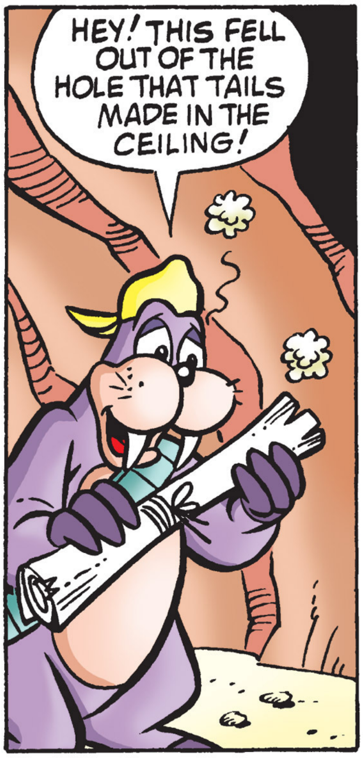
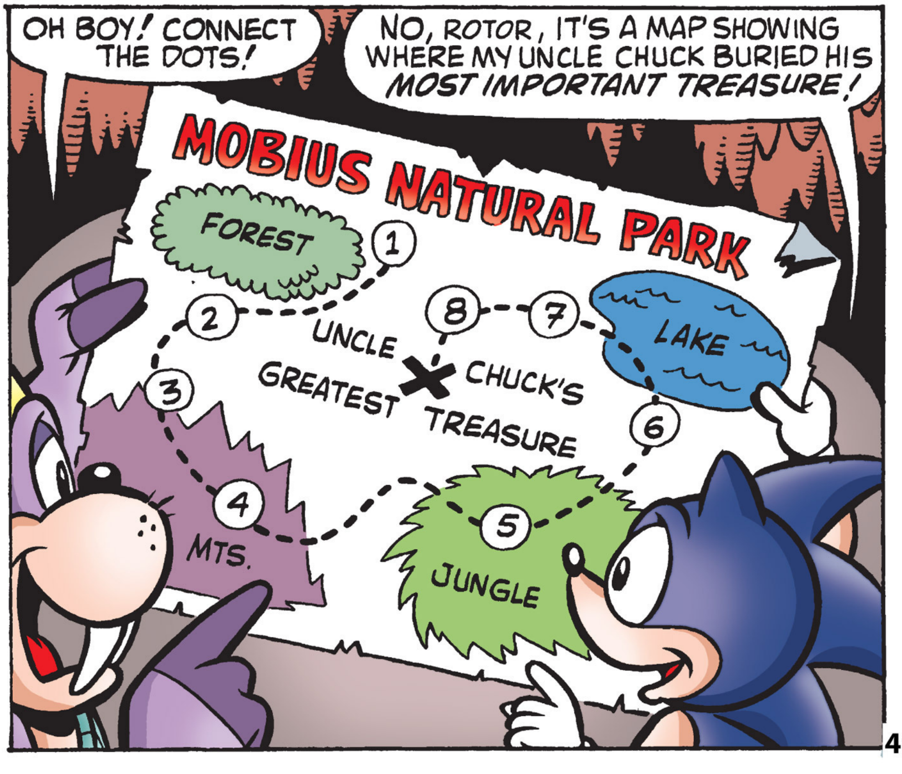
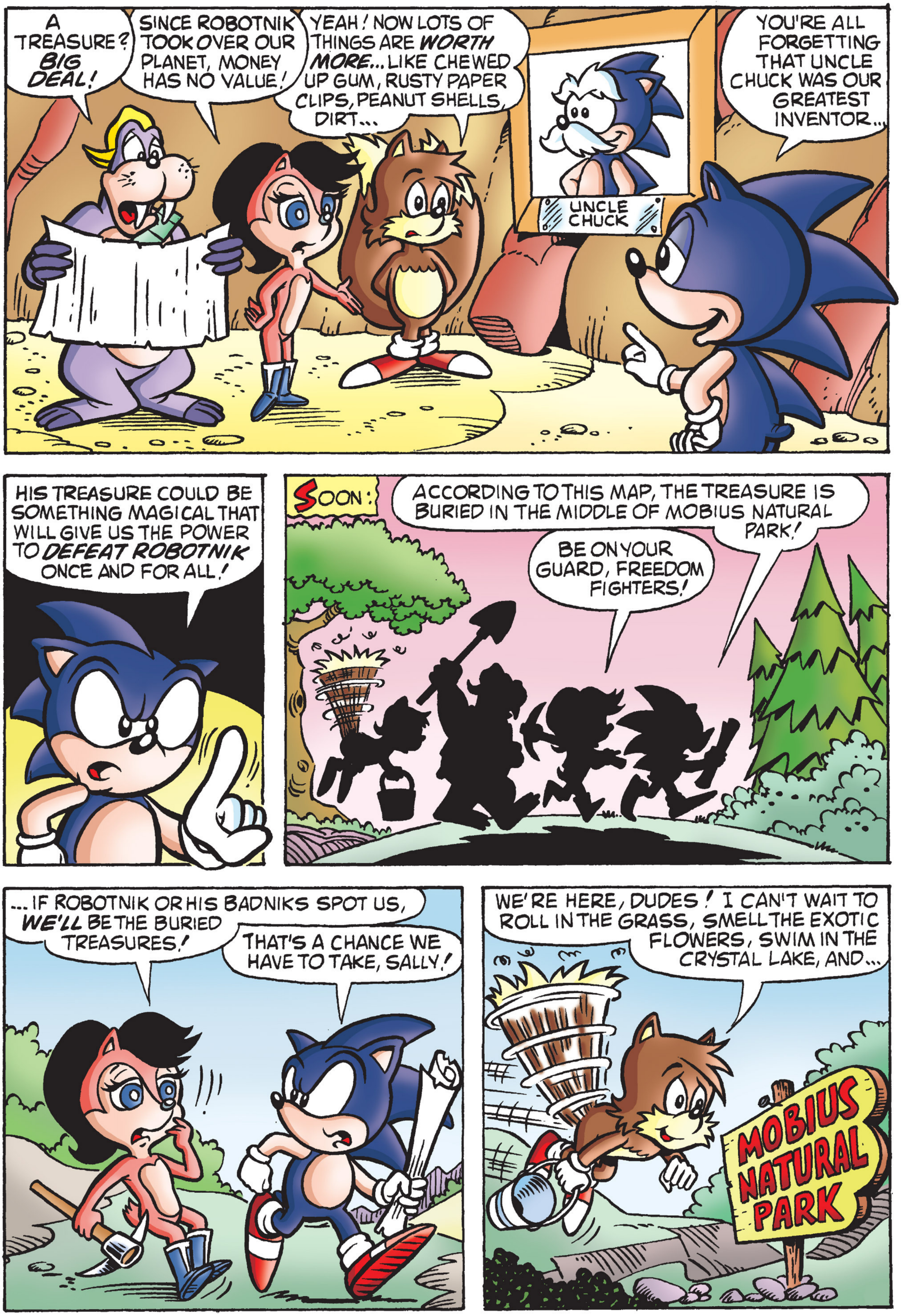
ULP! SORRY, TAILS! I GUESS I FORGOT HOW THESE THINGS WORK!

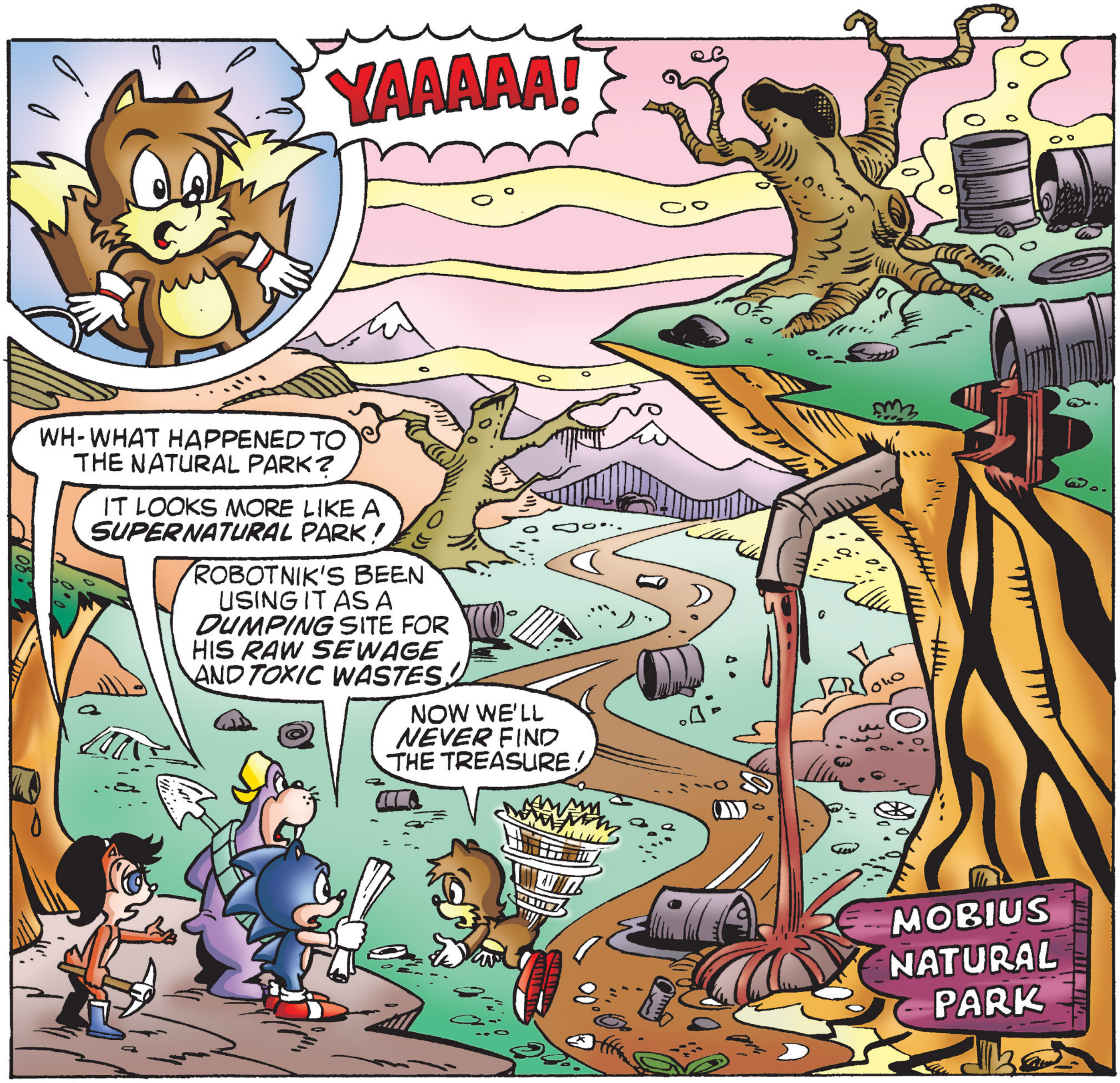

POP!
I'LL CATCH YOU, TAILS!

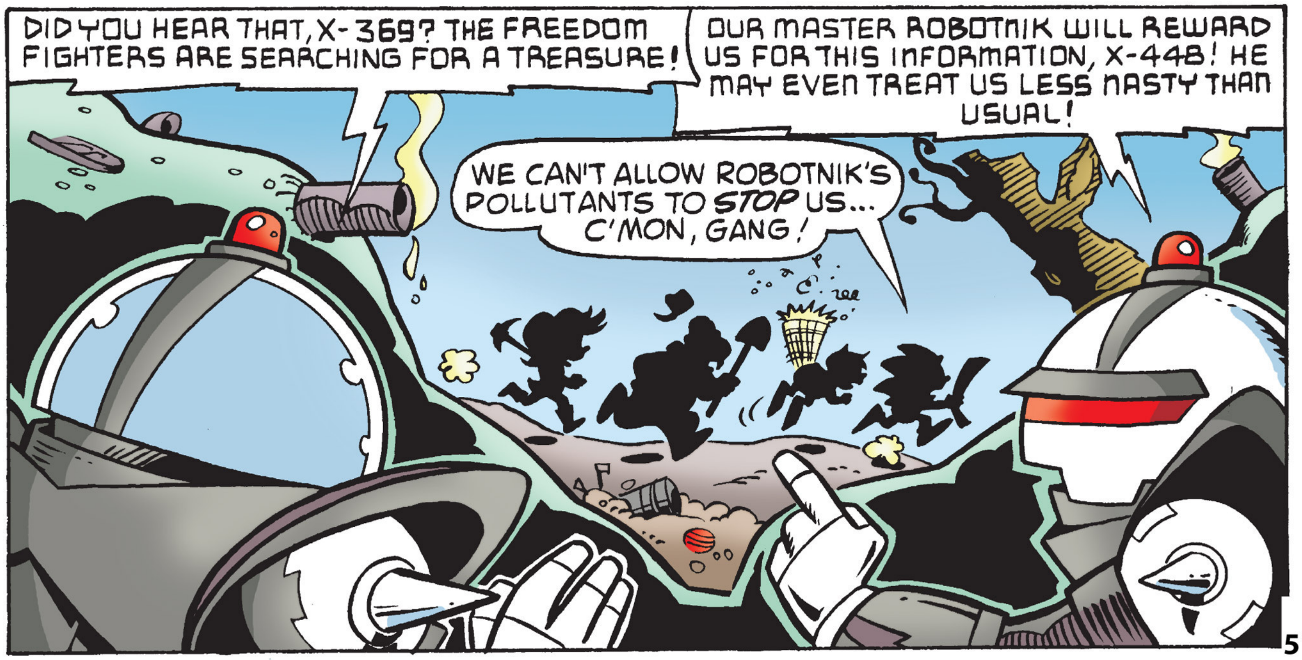

BOP!
OW!
GOTCHA!
THANKS, SONIC!

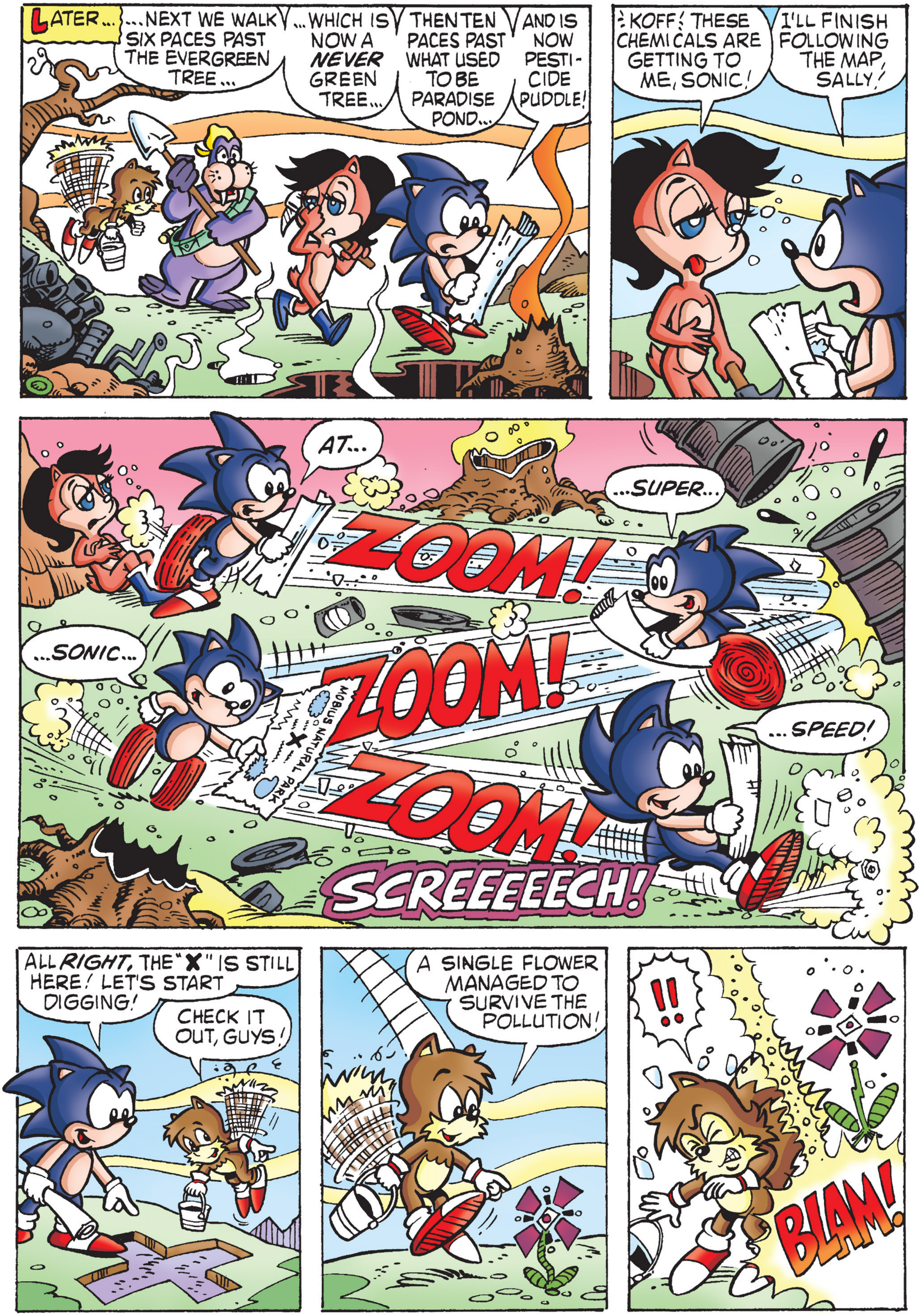

HEY! THIS FELL OUT OF THE HOLE THAT TAILS MADE IN THE CEILING!

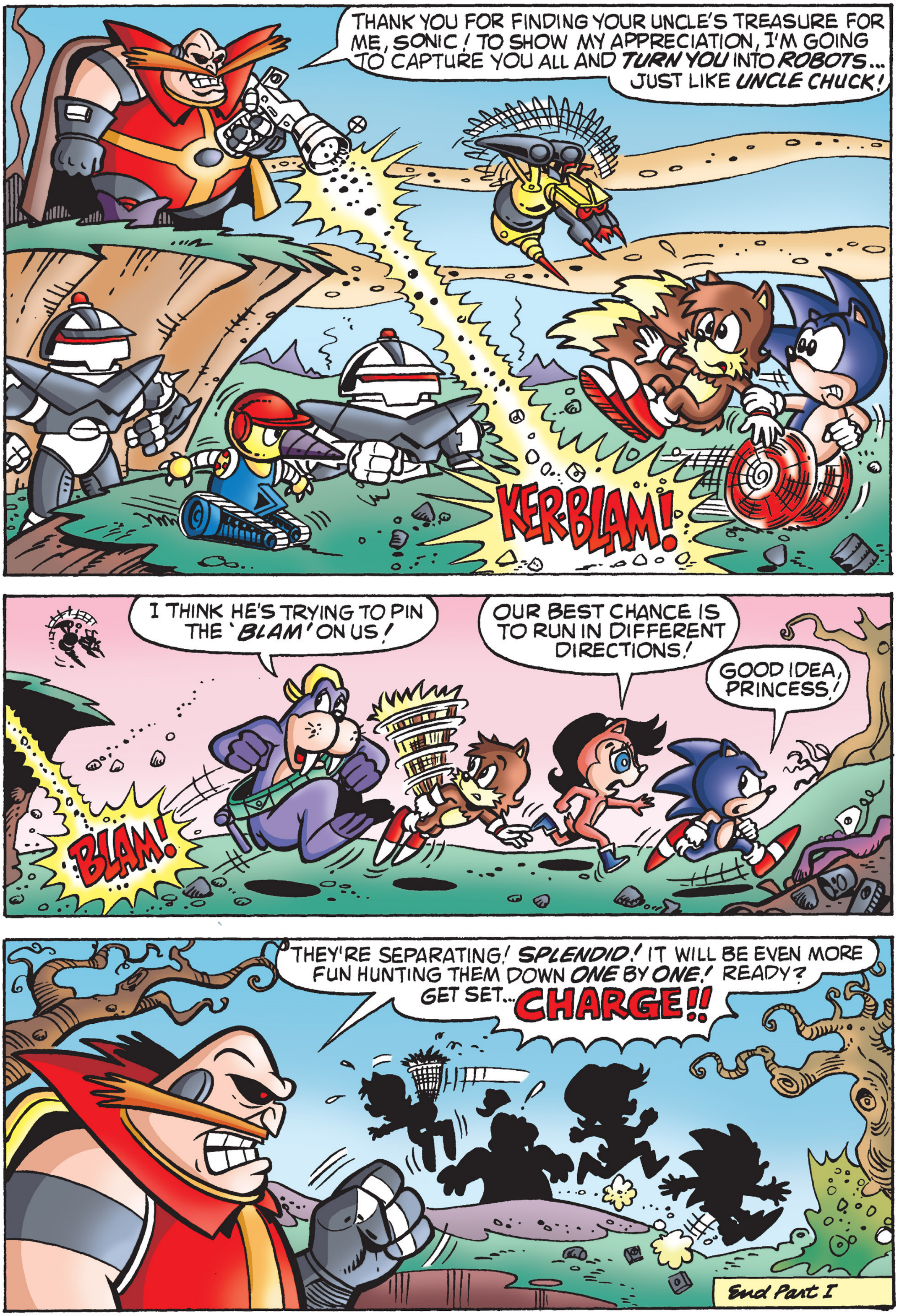

OH BOY! CONNECT THE DOTS!
NO, ROTOR, IT'S A MAP SHOWING WHERE MY UNCLE CHUCK BURIED HIS *MOST IMPORTANT TREASURE!*
MOBIUS NATURAL PARK
FOREST
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
LAKE
UNCLE CHUCK'S GREATEST TREASURE
MTS.
JUNGLE


A TREASURE? BIG DEAL!
SINCE ROBOTNIK TOOK OVER OUR PLANET, MONEY HAS NO VALUE!
YEAH! NOW LOTS OF THINGS ARE WORTH MORE... LIKE CHEWED UP GUM, RUSTY PAPER CLIPS, PEANUT SHELLS, DIRT...
UNCLE CHUCK
YOU'RE ALL FORGETTING THAT UNCLE CHUCK WAS OUR GREATEST INVENTOR...
HIS TREASURE COULD BE SOMETHING MAGICAL THAT WILL GIVE US THE POWER TO DEFEAT ROBOTNIK ONCE AND FOR ALL!
SOON:
ACCORDING TO THIS MAP, THE TREASURE IS BURIED IN THE MIDDLE OF MOBIUS NATURAL PARK!
BE ON YOUR GUARD, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
...IF ROBOTNIK OR HIS BADNIKS SPOT US, WE'LL BE THE BURIED TREASURES!
THAT'S A CHANCE WE HAVE TO TAKE, SALLY!
WE'RE HERE, DUDES! I CAN'T WAIT TO ROLL IN THE GRASS, SMELL THE EXOTIC FLOWERS, SWIM IN THE CRYSTAL LAKE, AND...
MOBIUS NATURAL PARK


YAAAAA!
WH-WHAT HAPPENED TO THE NATURAL PARK?
IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A *SUPERNATURAL* PARK!
ROBOTNIK'S BEEN USING IT AS A *DUMPING* SITE FOR HIS *RAW SEWAGE* AND *TOXIC WASTES*!
NOW WE'LL *NEVER* FIND THE TREASURE!
MOBIUS NATURAL PARK


DID YOU HEAR THAT, X-369? THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE SEARCHING FOR A TREASURE!
OUR MASTER ROBOTNIK WILL REWARD US FOR THIS INFORMATION, X-448! HE MAY EVEN TREAT US LESS NASTY THAN USUAL!
WE CAN'T ALLOW ROBOTNIK'S POLLUTANTS TO *STOP* US... C'MON, GANG!


LATER...
...NEXT WE WALK SIX PACES PAST THE EVERGREEN TREE...
...WHICH IS NOW A *NEVER* GREEN TREE...
THEN TEN PACES PAST WHAT USED TO BE PARADISE POND...
AND IS NOW PESTICIDE PUDDLE!
KOFF! THESE CHEMICALS ARE GETTING TO ME, SONIC!
I'LL FINISH FOLLOWING THE MAP, SALLY!
AT...
...SUPER...
ZOOM!
...SONIC...
ZOOM!
MOBIUS NATURAL PARK
X
...SPEED!
ZOOM!
SCREEEEECH!
ALL *RIGHT*, THE "X" IS STILL HERE! LET'S START DIGGING!
CHECK IT OUT, GUYS!
A SINGLE FLOWER MANAGED TO SURVIVE THE POLLUTION!
!!
BLAM!


THANK YOU FOR FINDING YOUR UNCLE'S TREASURE FOR ME, SONIC! TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION, I'M GOING TO CAPTURE YOU ALL AND *TURN YOU* INTO *ROBOTS*... JUST LIKE *UNCLE CHUCK*!
KER-BLAM!
I THINK HE'S TRYING TO PIN THE '*BLAM*' ON US!
OUR BEST CHANCE IS TO RUN IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS!
GOOD IDEA, PRINCESS!
BLAM!
THEY'RE SEPARATING! *SPLENDID!* IT WILL BE EVEN MORE FUN HUNTING THEM DOWN *ONE* BY *ONE!* READY? GET SET... CHARGE!!
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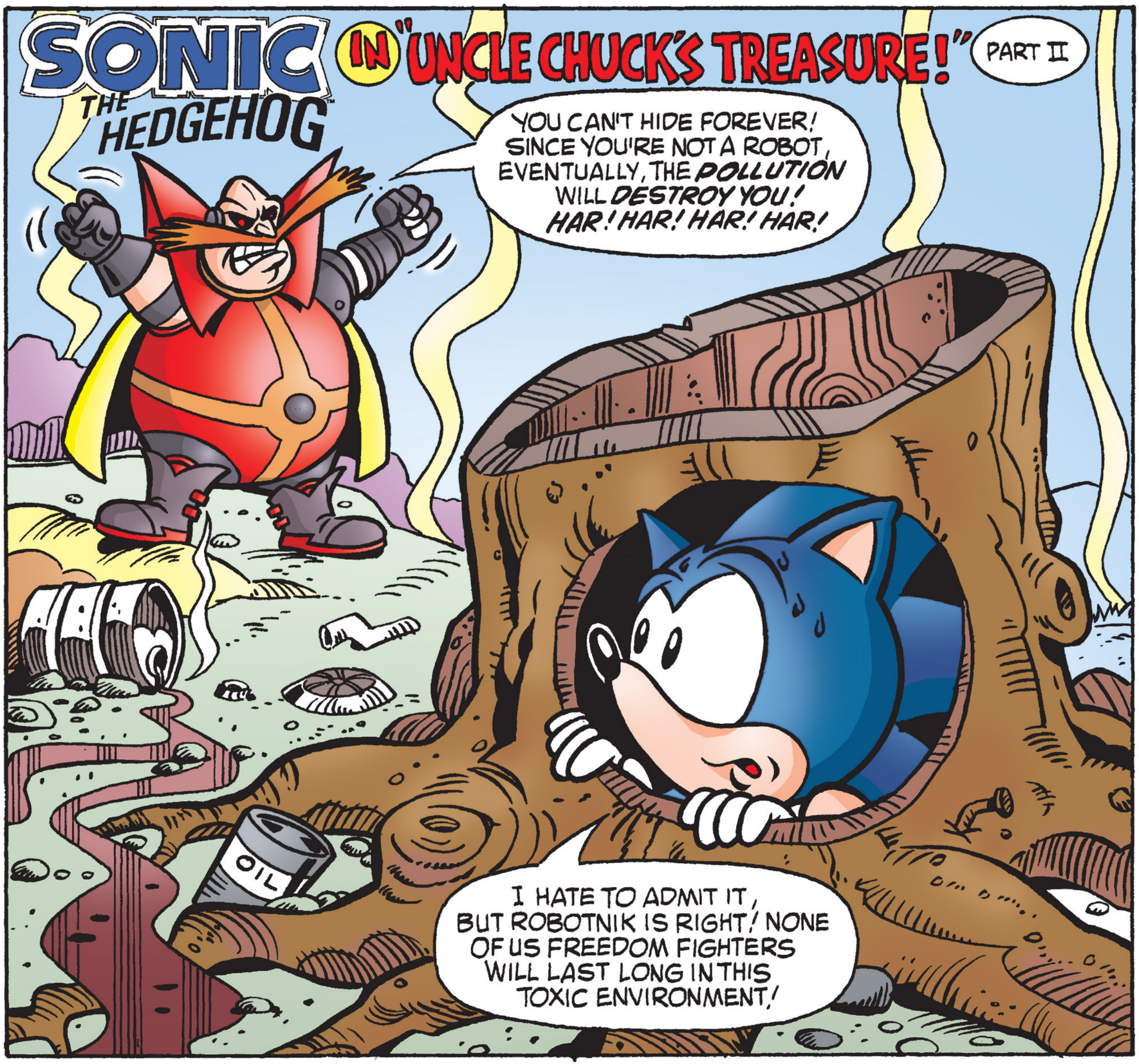
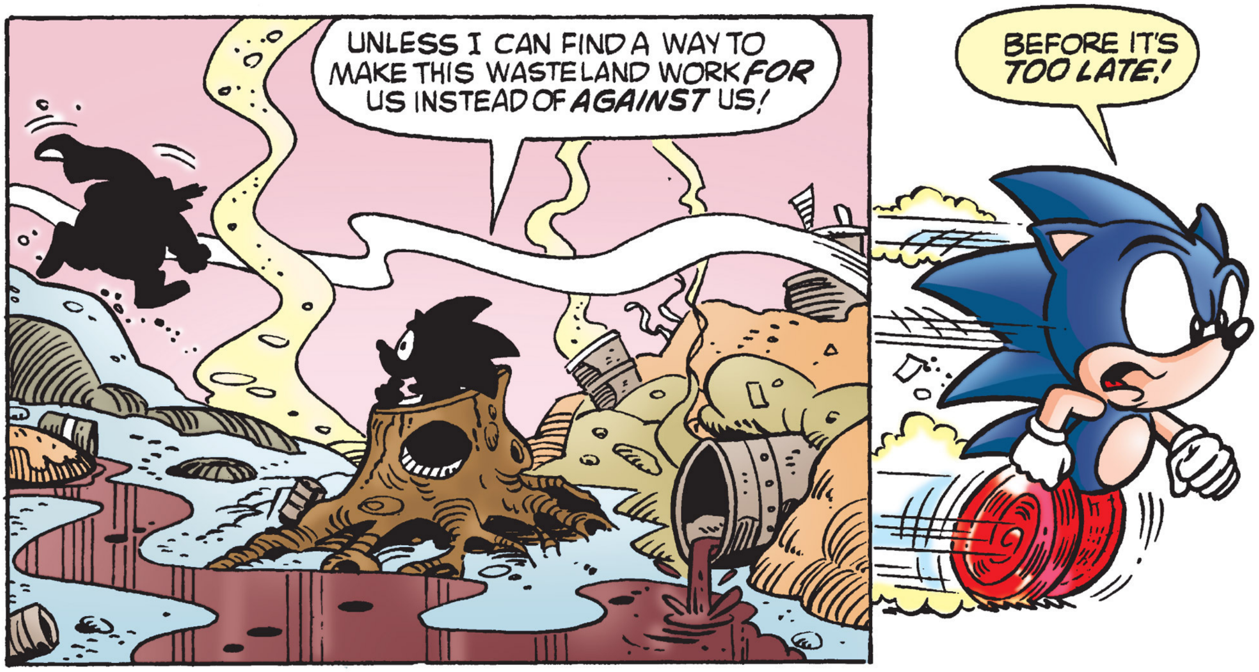
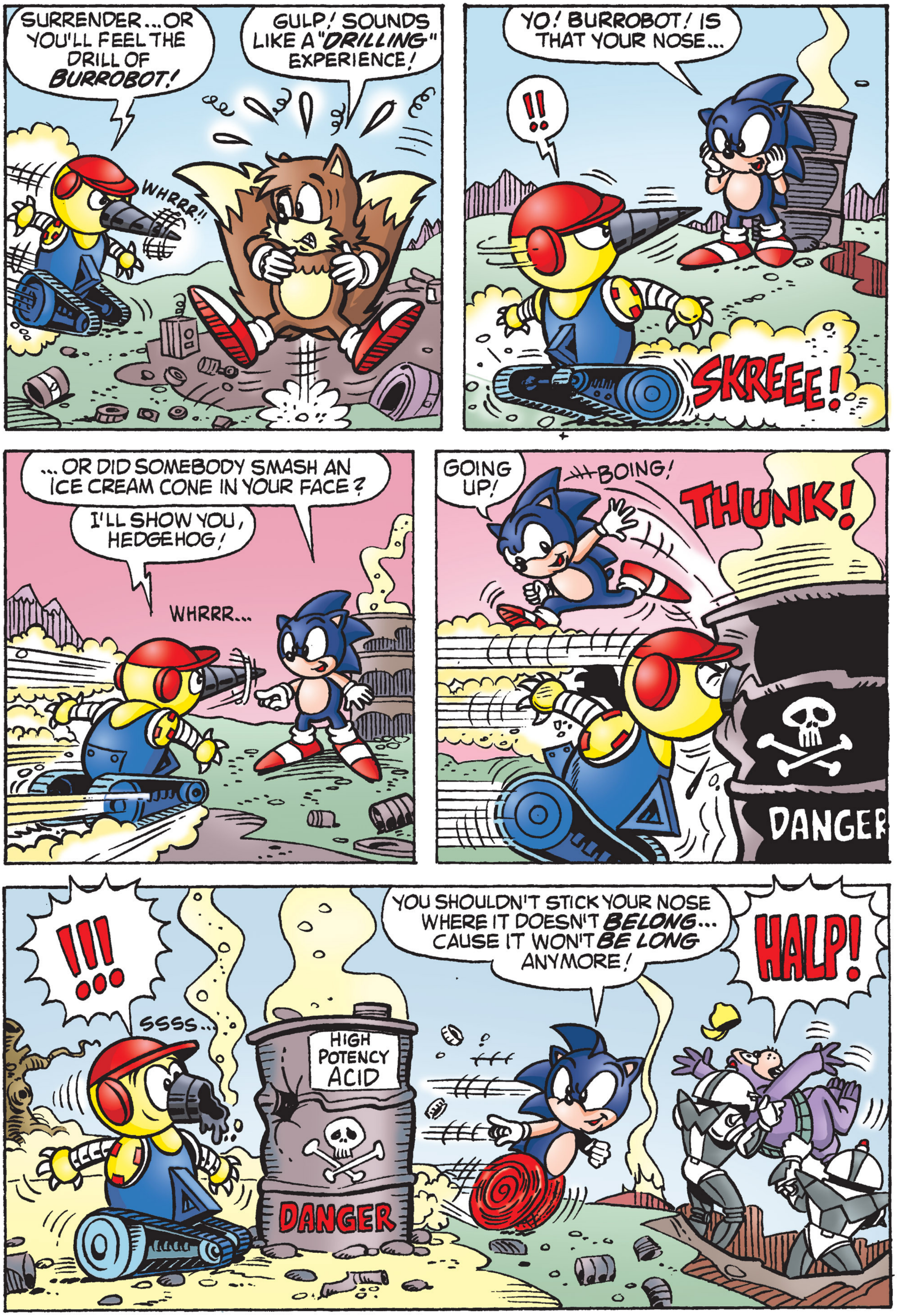
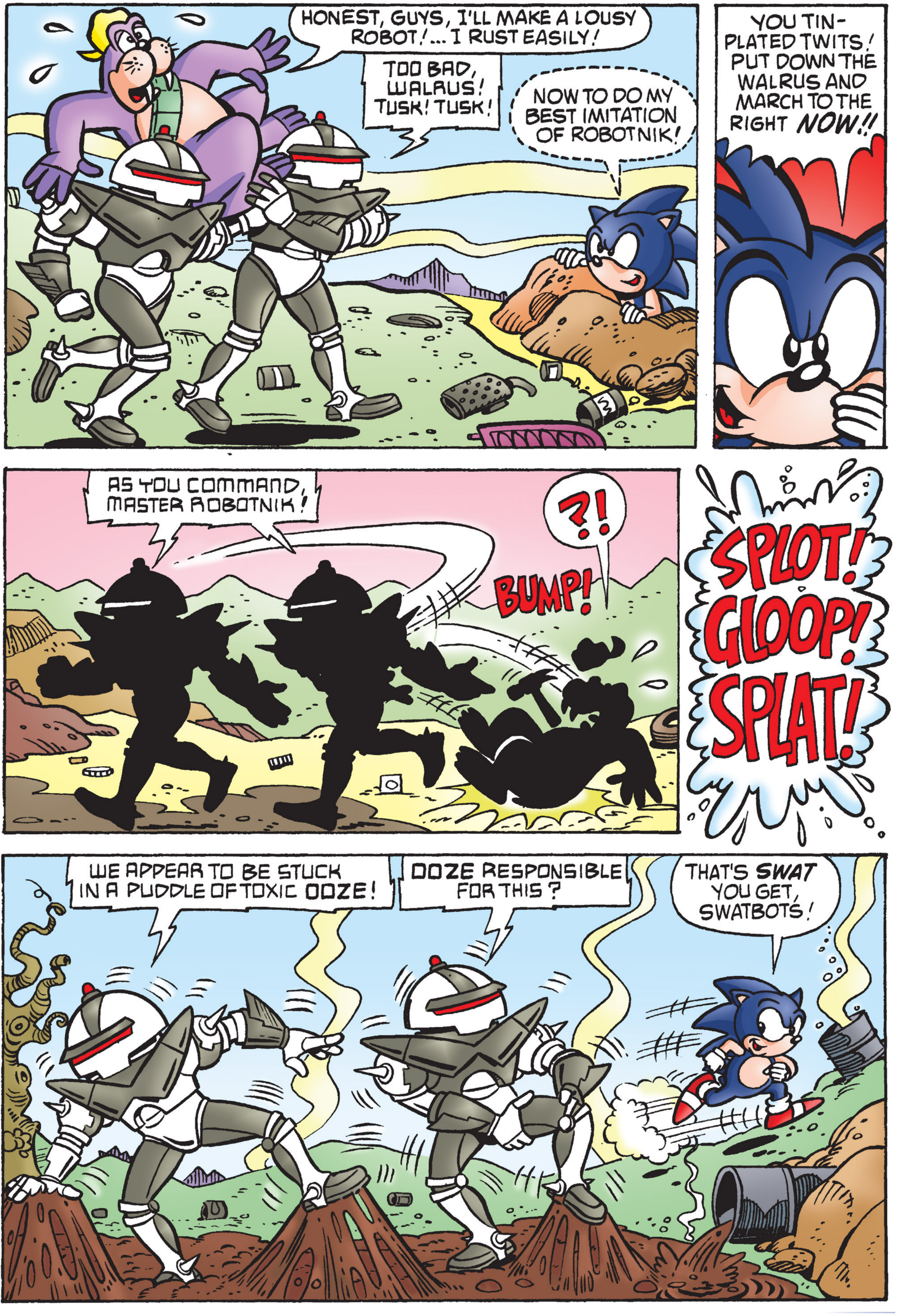
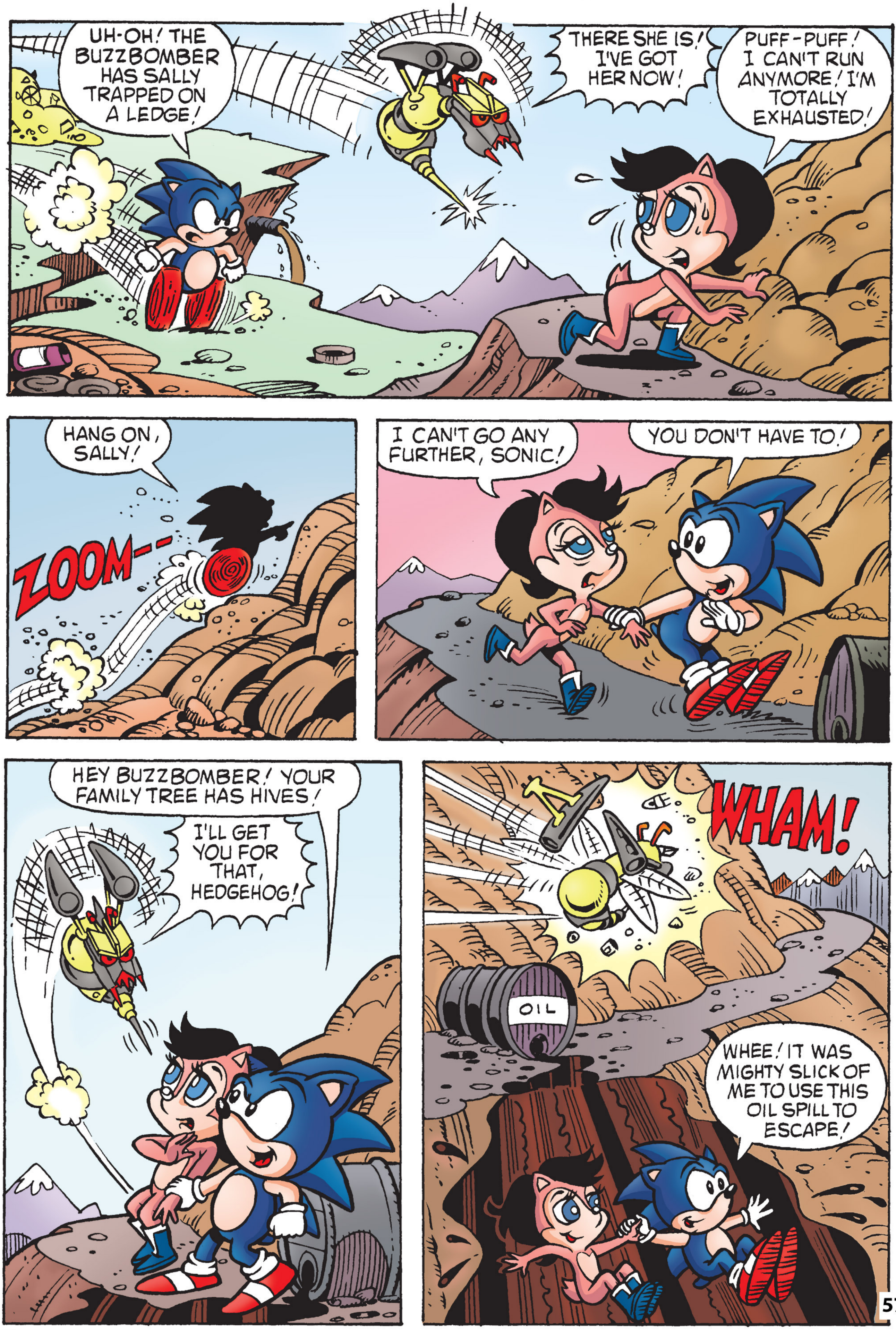
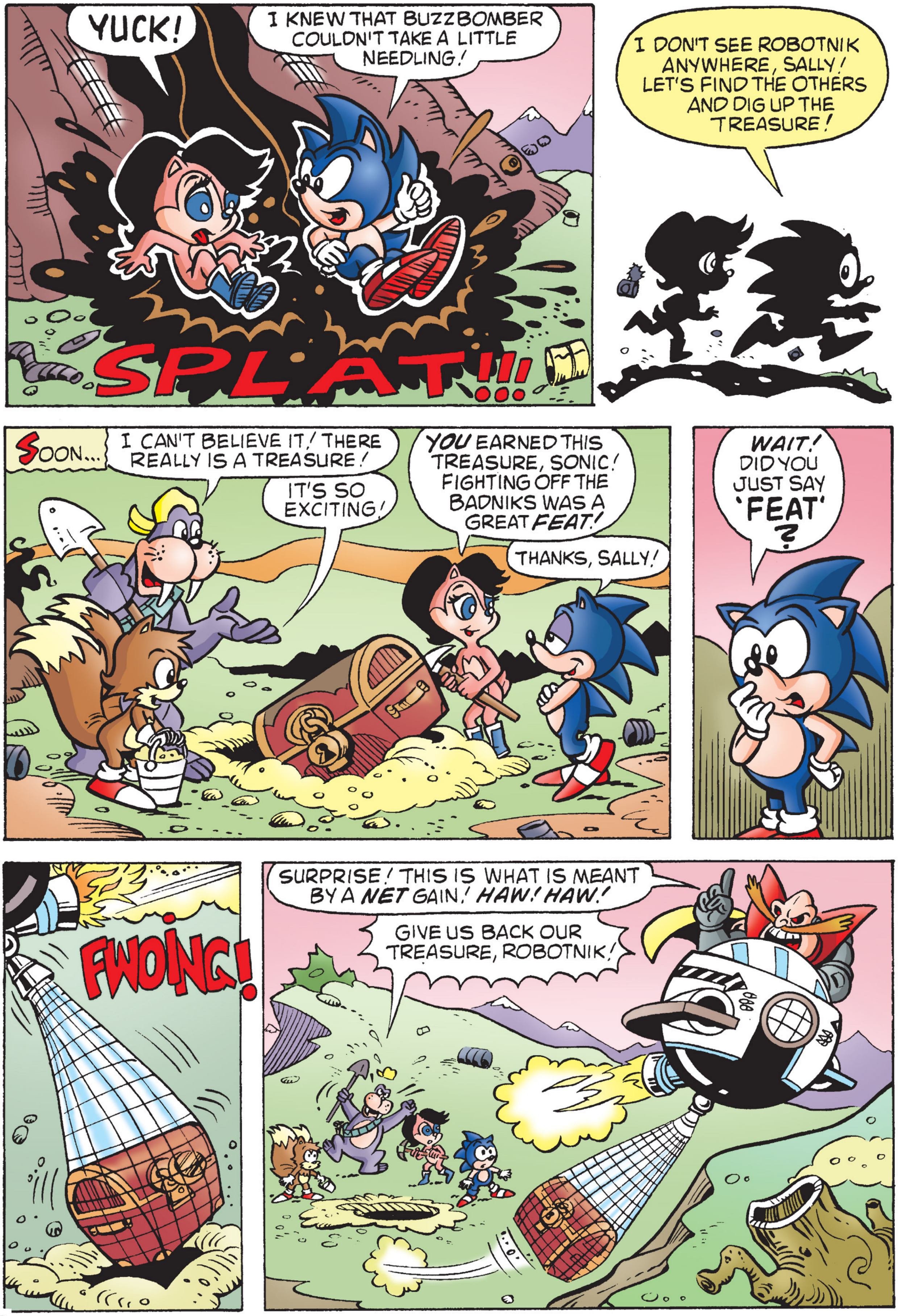

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IN "UNCLE CHUCK'S TREASURE!" PART II
YOU CAN'T HIDE FOREVER! SINCE YOU'RE NOT A ROBOT, EVENTUALLY, THE *POLLUTION* WILL *DESTROY YOU! HAR! HAR! HAR! HAR!*
OIL
I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT ROBOTNIK IS RIGHT! NONE OF US FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL LAST LONG IN THIS TOXIC ENVIRONMENT!

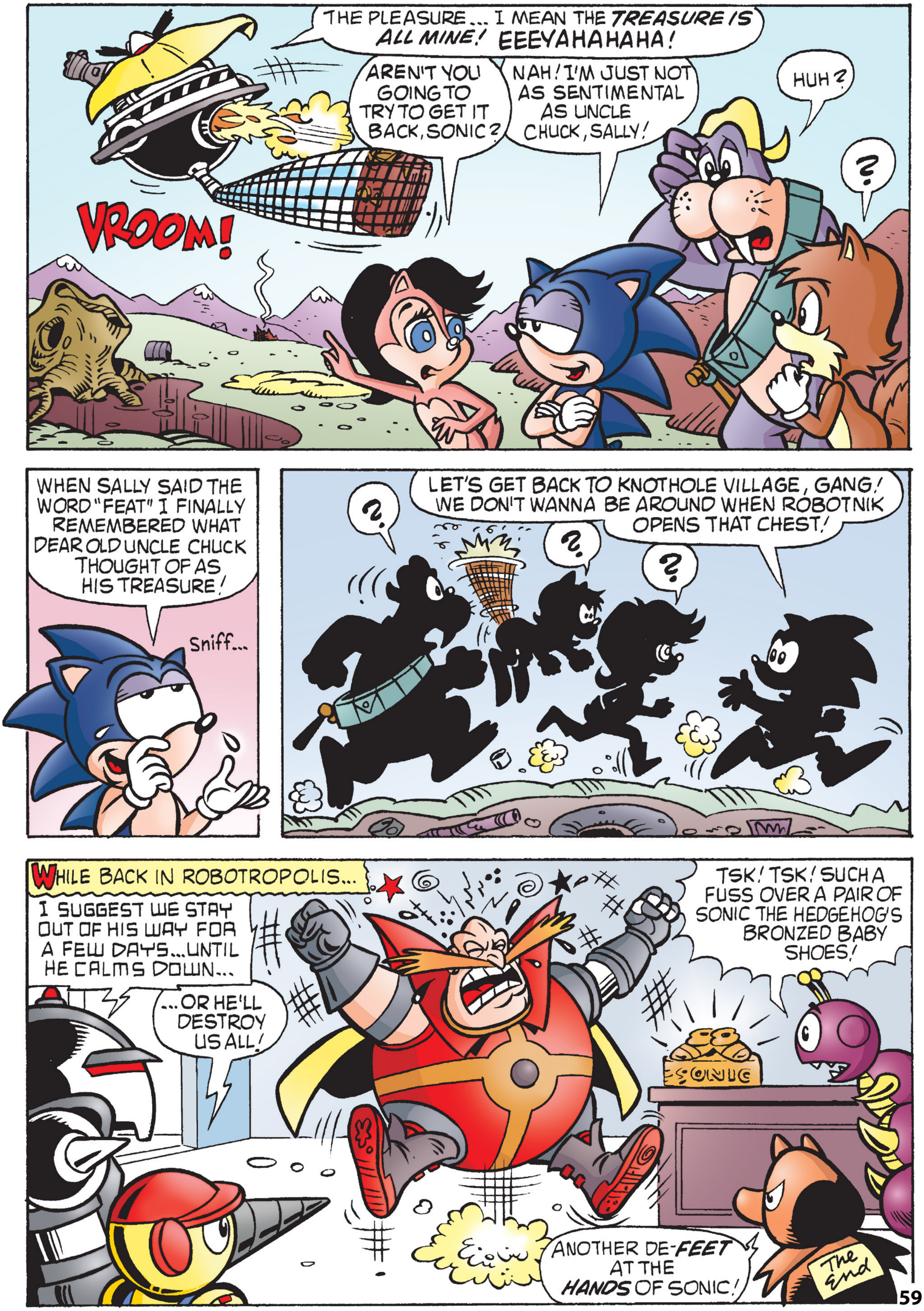

UNLESS I CAN FIND A WAY TO MAKE THIS WASTELAND WORK *FOR* US INSTEAD OF *AGAINST* US!
BEFORE IT'S *TOO LATE!*

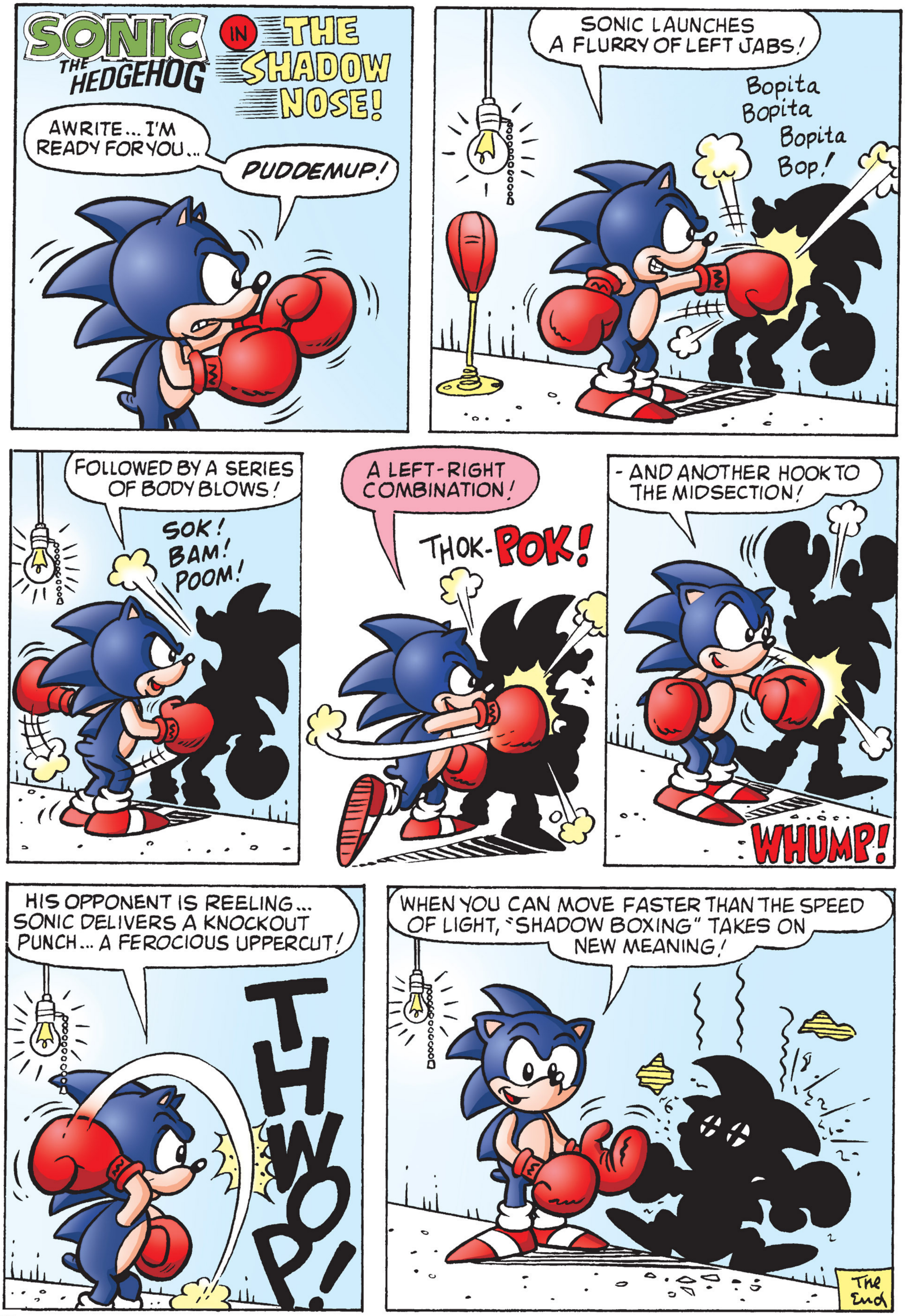

SURRENDER...OR YOU'LL FEEL THE DRILL OF ***BURROBOT!***
GULP! SOUNDS LIKE A "***DRILLING***" EXPERIENCE!
WHRRR!!
YO! BURROBOT! IS THAT YOUR NOSE...
!!
SKREEEE!
...OR DID SOMEBODY SMASH AN ICE CREAM CONE IN YOUR FACE?
I'LL SHOW YOU, HEDGEHOG!
WHRRR...
GOING UP!
BOING!
THUNK!
DANGER
!!!
SSSS...
HIGH POTENCY ACID
DANGER
YOU SHOULDN'T STICK YOUR NOSE WHERE IT DOESN'T ***BELONG***... CAUSE IT WON'T ***BE LONG*** ANYMORE!
HALP!

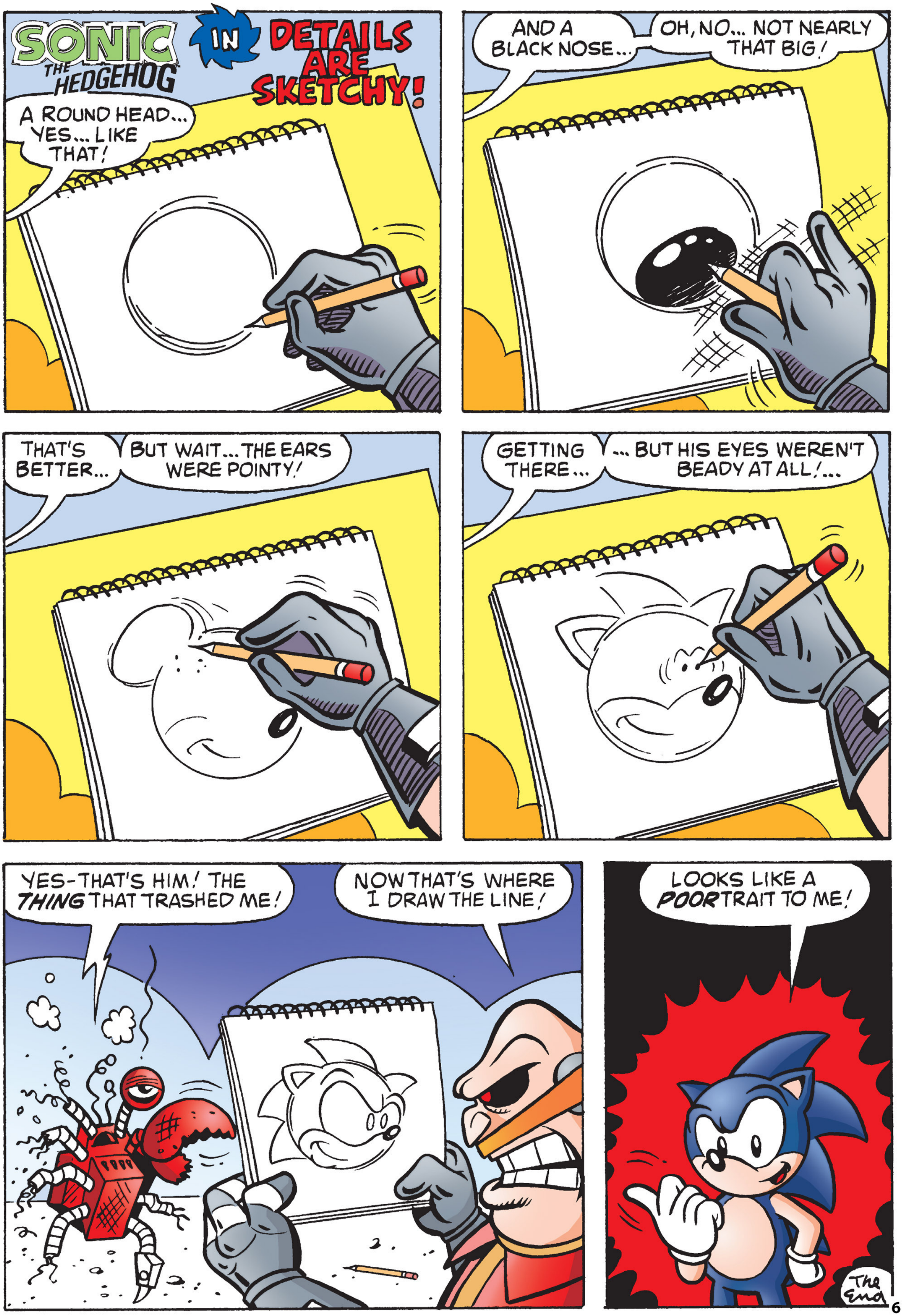

HONEST, GUYS, I'LL MAKE A LOUSY ROBOT! ... I RUST EASILY!
TOO BAD, WALRUS! TUSK! TUSK!
NOW TO DO MY BEST IMITATION OF ROBOTNIK!
YOU TIN-PLATED TWITS! PUT DOWN THE WALRUS AND MARCH TO THE RIGHT NOW!!
AS YOU COMMAND, MASTER ROBOTNIK!
?!
BUMP!
SPLOT! GLOOP! SPLAT!
WE APPEAR TO BE STUCK IN A PUDDLE OF TOXIC OOZE!
OOZE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?
THAT'S SWAT YOU GET, SWATBOTS!

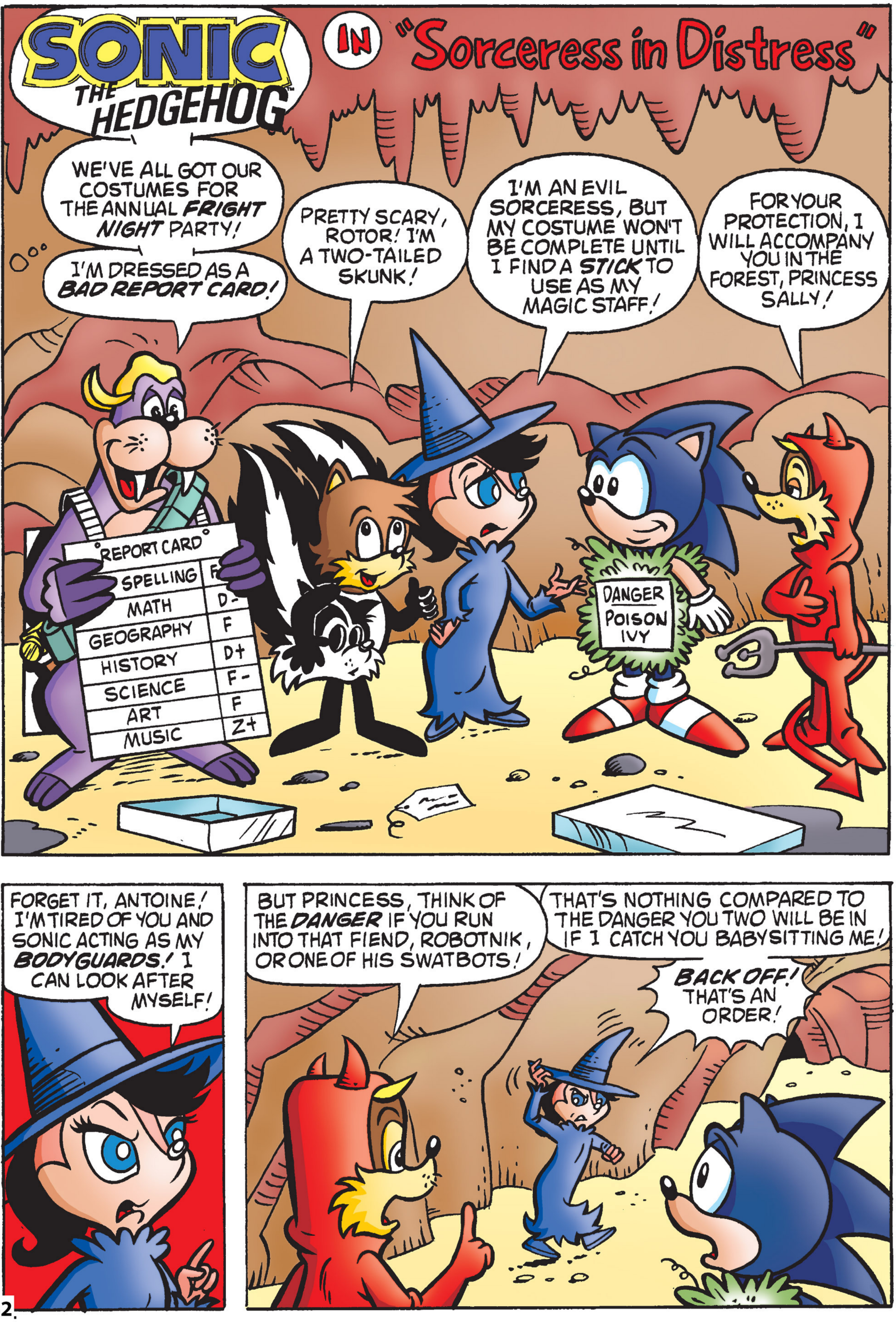

UH-OH! THE BUZZBOMBER HAS SALLY TRAPPED ON A LEDGE!
THERE SHE IS! I'VE GOT HER NOW!
PUFF-PUFF! I CAN'T RUN ANYMORE! I'M TOTALLY EXHAUSTED!
HANG ON, SALLY!
ZOOM--
I CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER, SONIC!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO!
HEY BUZZBOMBER! YOUR FAMILY TREE HAS HIVES!
I'LL GET YOU FOR THAT, HEDGEHOG!
WHAM!
OIL
WHEE! IT WAS MIGHTY SLICK OF ME TO USE THIS OIL SPILL TO ESCAPE!

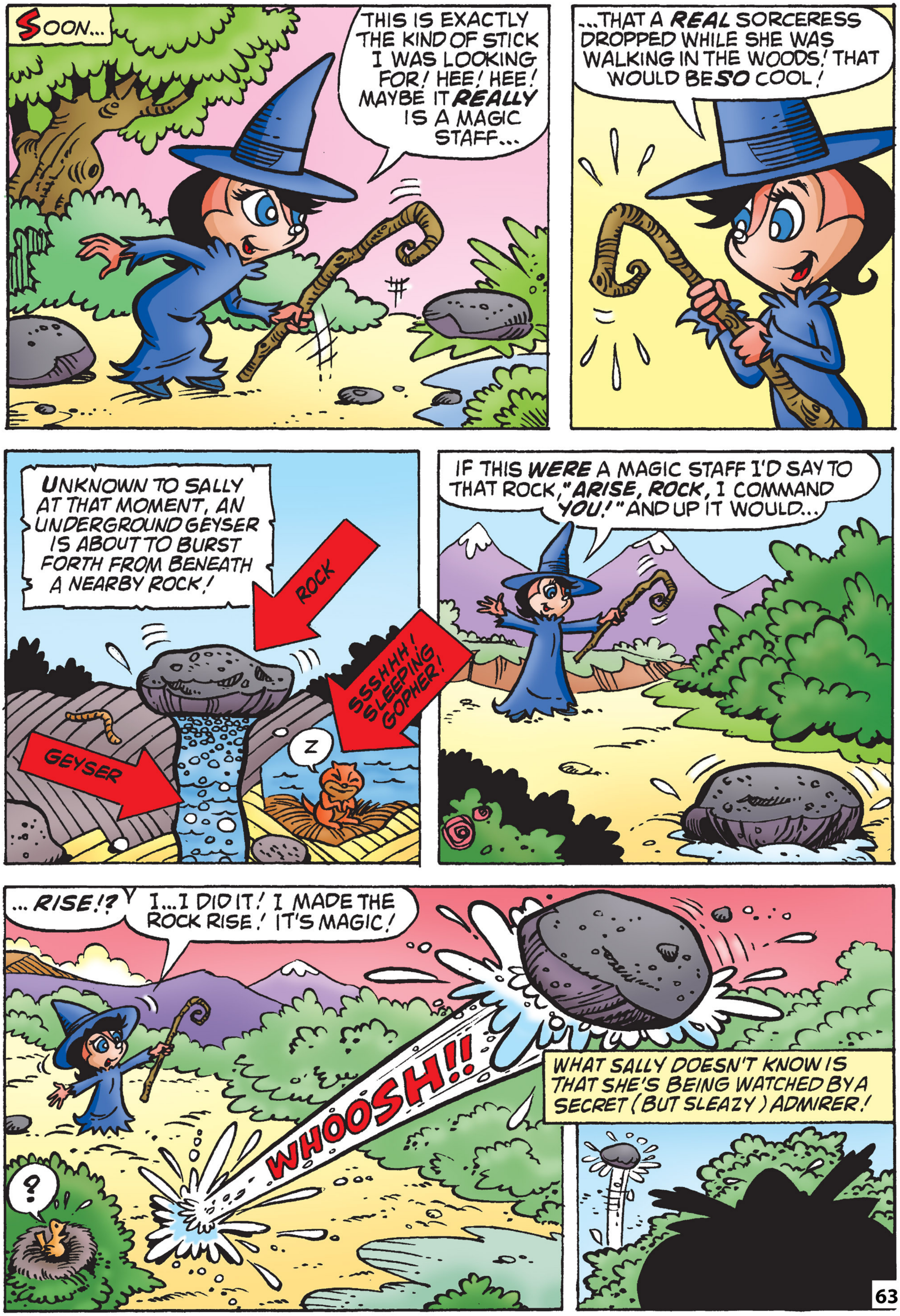

YUCK!
I KNEW THAT BUZZBOMBER COULDN'T TAKE A LITTLE NEEDLING!
SPLAT!!!
I DON'T SEE ROBOTNIK ANYWHERE, SALLY! LET'S FIND THE OTHERS AND DIG UP THE TREASURE!
SOON...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THERE REALLY IS A TREASURE!
IT'S SO EXCITING!
YOU EARNED THIS TREASURE, SONIC! FIGHTING OFF THE BADNIKS WAS A GREAT FEAT!
THANKS, SALLY!
WAIT! DID YOU JUST SAY 'FEAT'?
FWOING!
SURPRISE! THIS IS WHAT IS MEANT BY A NET GAIN! HAW! HAW!
GIVE US BACK OUR TREASURE, ROBOTNIK!

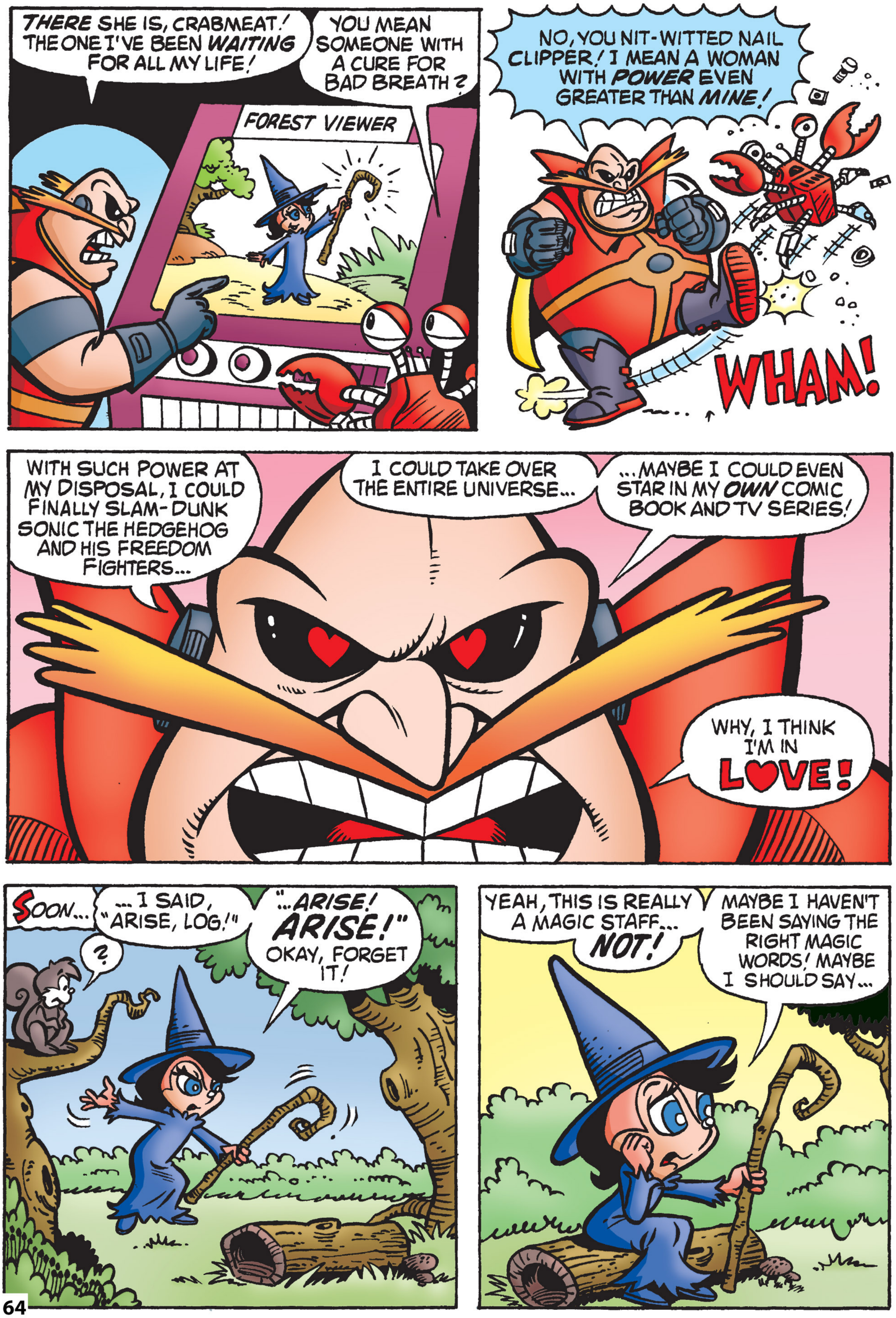

THE PLEASURE ... I MEAN THE *TREASURE IS ALL MINE!* EEEYAHAHAHA!
VROOM!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO TRY TO GET IT BACK, SONIC?
NAH! I'M JUST NOT AS SENTIMENTAL AS UNCLE CHUCK, SALLY!
HUH?
?
WHEN SALLY SAID THE WORD "FEAT" I FINALLY REMEMBERED WHAT DEAR OLD UNCLE CHUCK THOUGHT OF AS HIS TREASURE!
Sniff...
LET'S GET BACK TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE, GANG! WE DON'T WANNA BE AROUND WHEN ROBOTNIK OPENS THAT CHEST!
?
?
?
WHILE BACK IN ROBOTROPOLIS...
I SUGGEST WE STAY OUT OF HIS WAY FOR A FEW DAYS...UNTIL HE CALMS DOWN...
...OR HE'LL DESTROY US ALL!
TSK! TSK! SUCH A FUSS OVER A PAIR OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S BRONZED BABY SHOES!
SONIC
ANOTHER DE-*FEET* AT THE *HANDS* OF SONIC!
The End

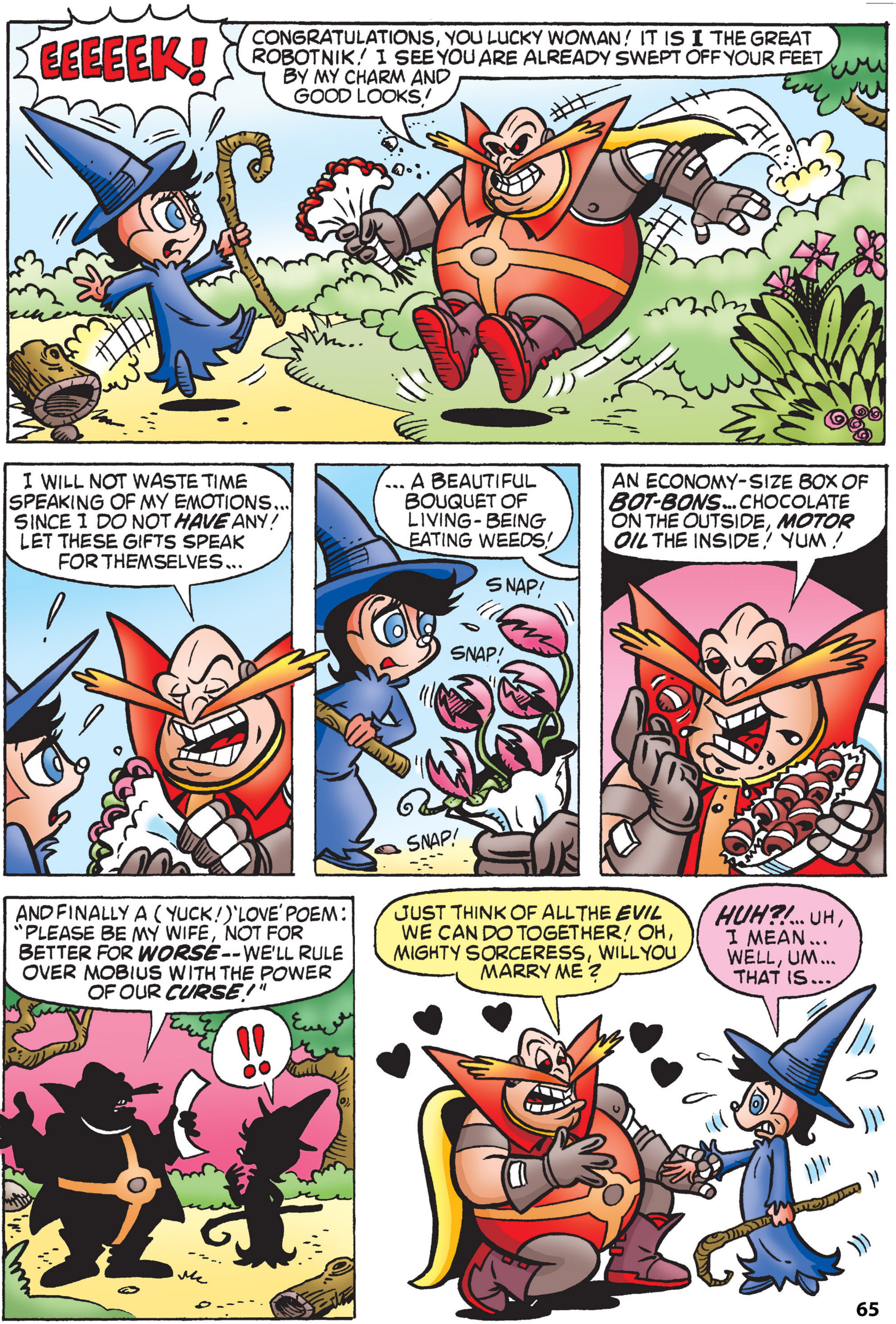

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN THE SHADOW NOSE!
AWRITE... I'M READY FOR YOU...
PUDDEMUP!
SONIC LAUNCHES A FLURRY OF LEFT JABS!
Bopita Bopita Bopita Bop!
FOLLOWED BY A SERIES OF BODY BLOWS!
SOK! BAM! POOM!
A LEFT-RIGHT COMBINATION!
THOK-POK!
- AND ANOTHER HOOK TO THE MIDSECTION!
WHUMP!
HIS OPPONENT IS REELING... SONIC DELIVERS A KNOCKOUT PUNCH... A FEROCIOUS UPPERCUT!
THWOP!
WHEN YOU CAN MOVE FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF LIGHT, "SHADOW BOXING" TAKES ON NEW MEANING!
The End

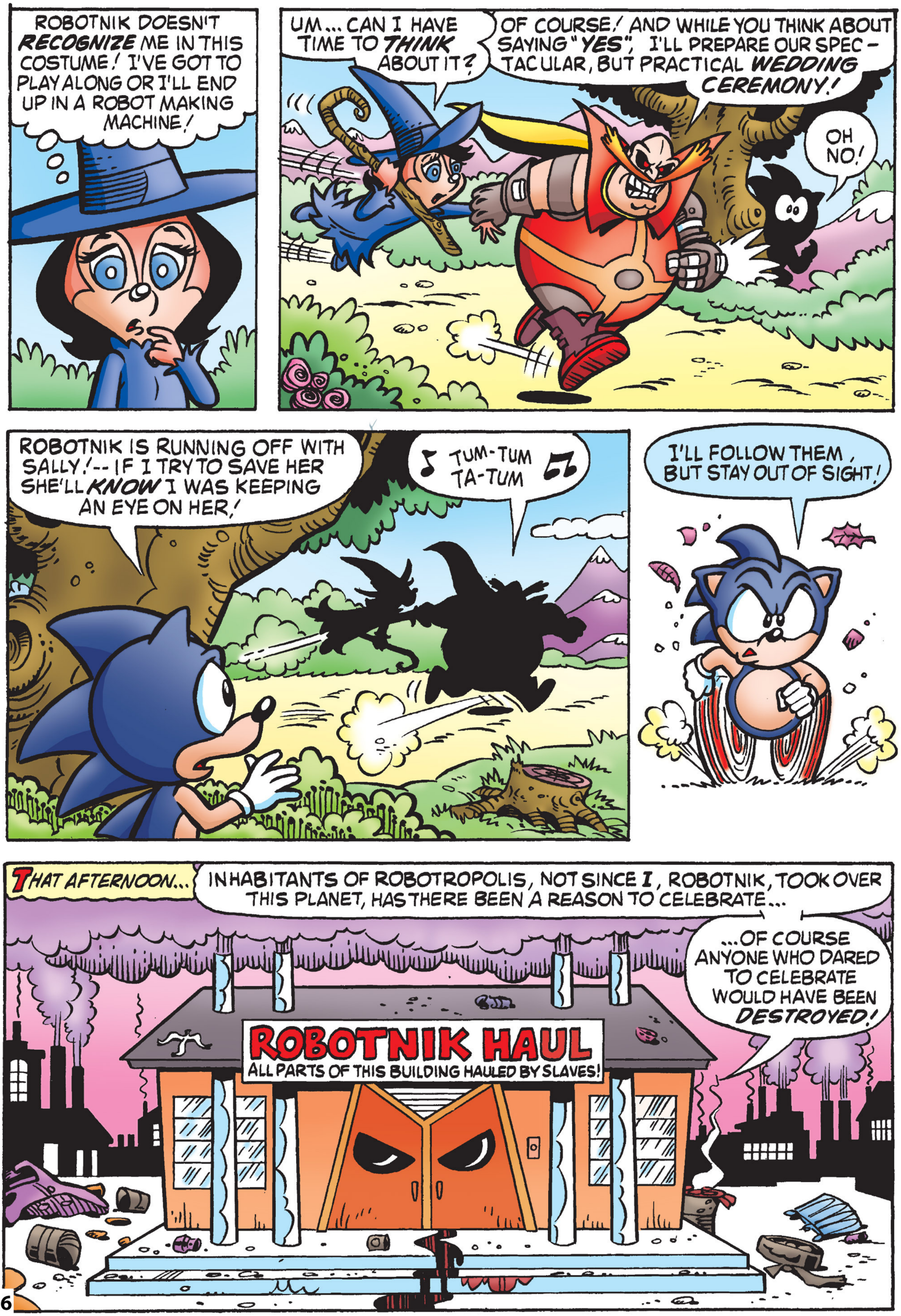

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IN
DETAILS ARE SKETCHY!
A ROUND HEAD... YES... LIKE THAT!
AND A BLACK NOSE...
OH, NO... NOT NEARLY THAT BIG!
THAT'S BETTER...
BUT WAIT... THE EARS WERE POINTY!
GETTING THERE...
... BUT HIS EYES WEREN'T BEADY AT ALL!...
YES-THAT'S HIM! THE *THING* THAT TRASHED ME!
NOW THAT'S WHERE I DRAW THE LINE!
LOOKS LIKE A *POOR*TRAIT TO ME!
The End

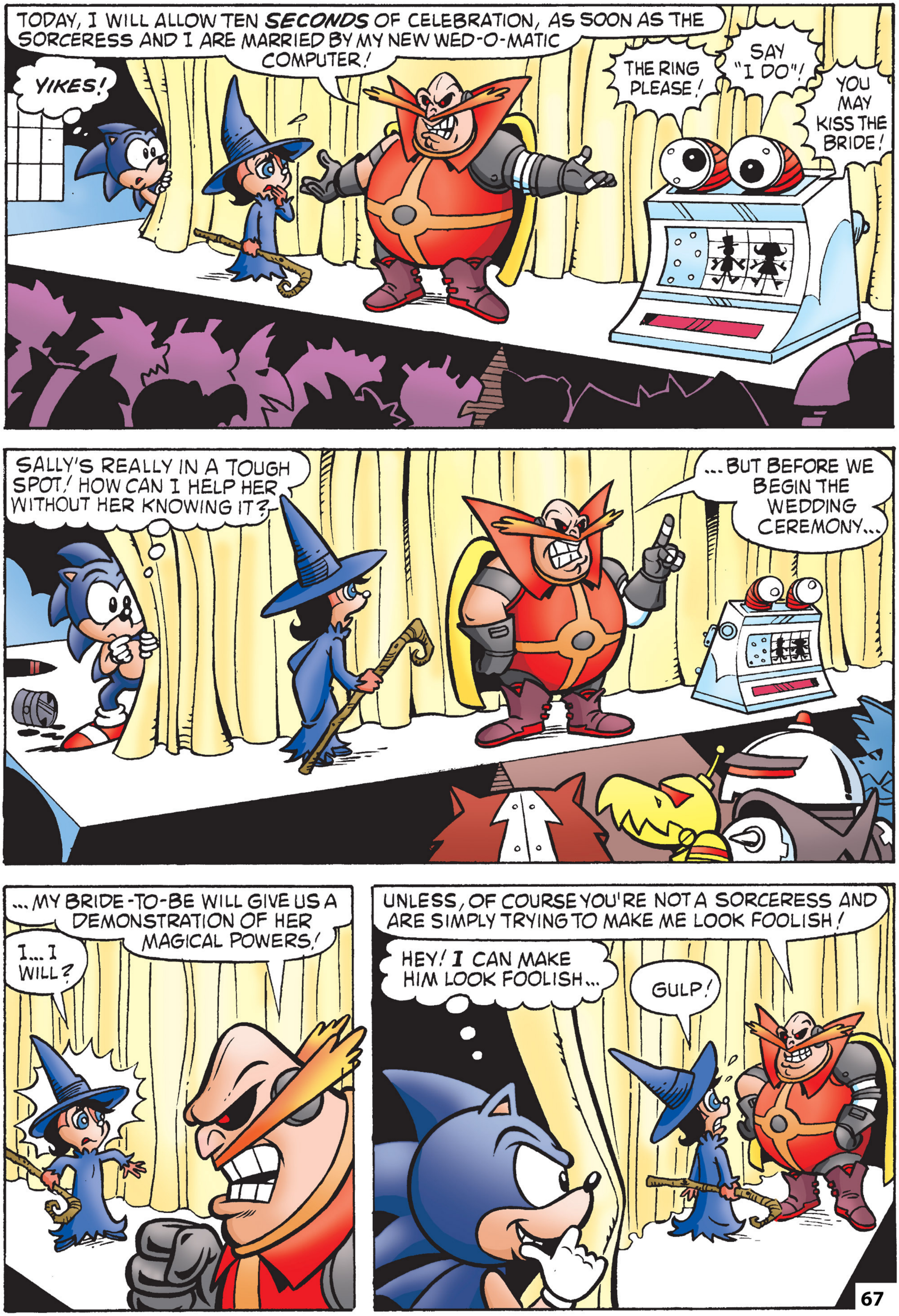

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN "Sorceress in Distress"
WE'VE ALL GOT OUR COSTUMES FOR THE ANNUAL FRIGHT NIGHT PARTY!
I'M DRESSED AS A BAD REPORT CARD!
PRETTY SCARY, ROTOR! I'M A TWO-TAILED SKUNK!
I'M AN EVIL SORCERESS, BUT MY COSTUME WON'T BE COMPLETE UNTIL I FIND A STICK TO USE AS MY MAGIC STAFF!
FOR YOUR PROTECTION, I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU IN THE FOREST, PRINCESS SALLY!
REPORT CARD
SPELLING F
MATH D-
GEOGRAPHY F
HISTORY D+
SCIENCE F-
ART F
MUSIC Z+
DANGER POISON IVY
FORGET IT, ANTOINE! I'M TIRED OF YOU AND SONIC ACTING AS MY BODYGUARDS! I CAN LOOK AFTER MYSELF!
BUT PRINCESS, THINK OF THE DANGER IF YOU RUN INTO THAT FIEND, ROBOTNIK, OR ONE OF HIS SWATBOTS!
THAT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO THE DANGER YOU TWO WILL BE IN IF I CATCH YOU BABYSITTING ME!
BACK OFF! THAT'S AN ORDER!

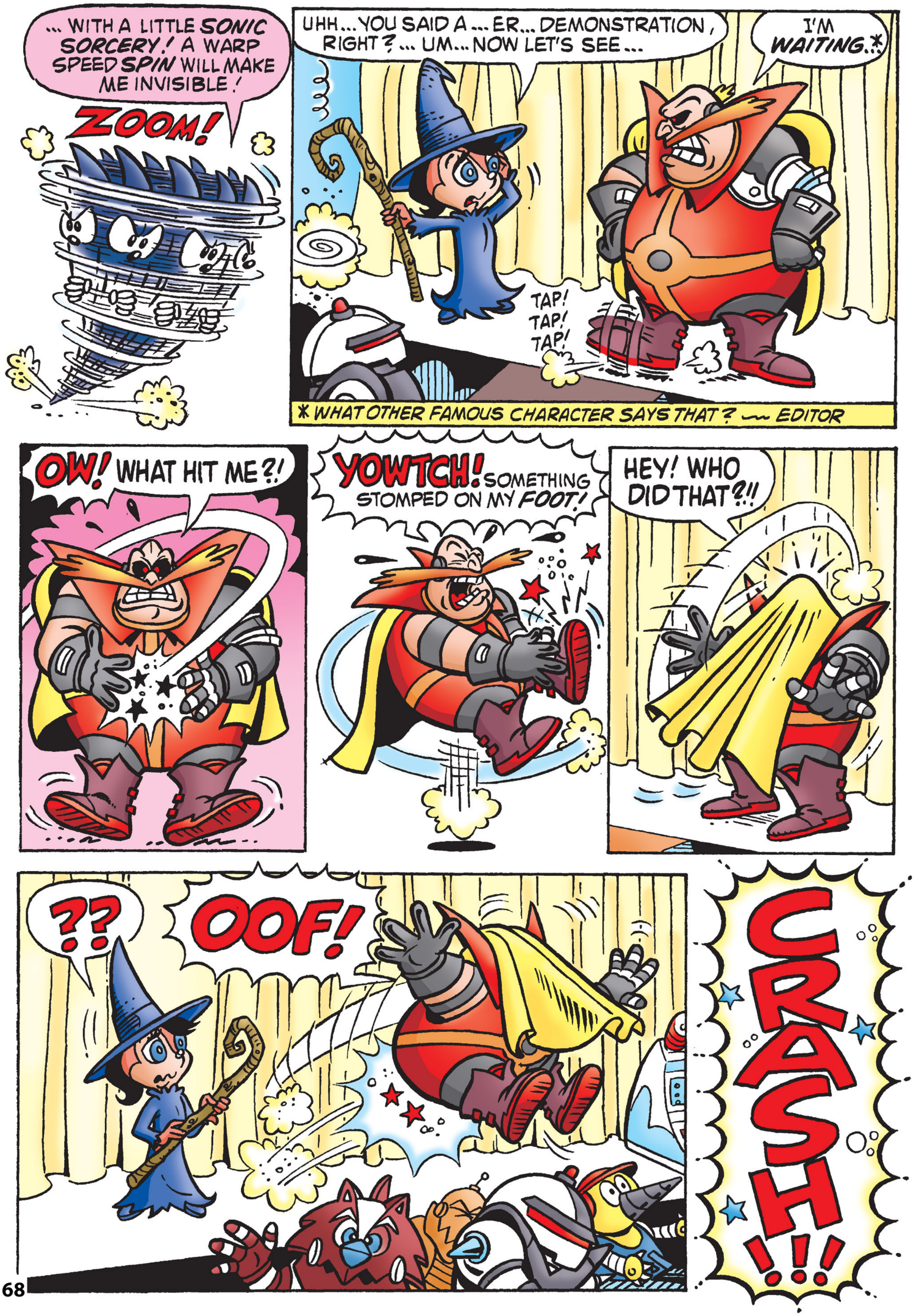

SOON...
THIS IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF STICK I WAS LOOKING FOR! HEE! HEE! MAYBE IT **REALLY** IS A MAGIC STAFF...
...THAT A **REAL** SORCERESS DROPPED WHILE SHE WAS WALKING IN THE WOODS! THAT WOULD BE **SO** COOL!
UNKNOWN TO SALLY AT THAT MOMENT, AN UNDERGROUND GEYSER IS ABOUT TO BURST FORTH FROM BENEATH A NEARBY ROCK!
ROCK
SSSHHH! SLEEPING GOPHER!
Z
GEYSER
IF THIS **WERE** A MAGIC STAFF I'D SAY TO THAT ROCK, "**ARISE, ROCK**, I COMMAND **YOU!**" AND UP IT WOULD...
... **RISE!?**
I...I DID IT! I MADE THE ROCK RISE! IT'S MAGIC!
WHOOSH!!
?
WHAT SALLY DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT SHE'S BEING WATCHED BY A SECRET (BUT SLEAZY) ADMIRER!

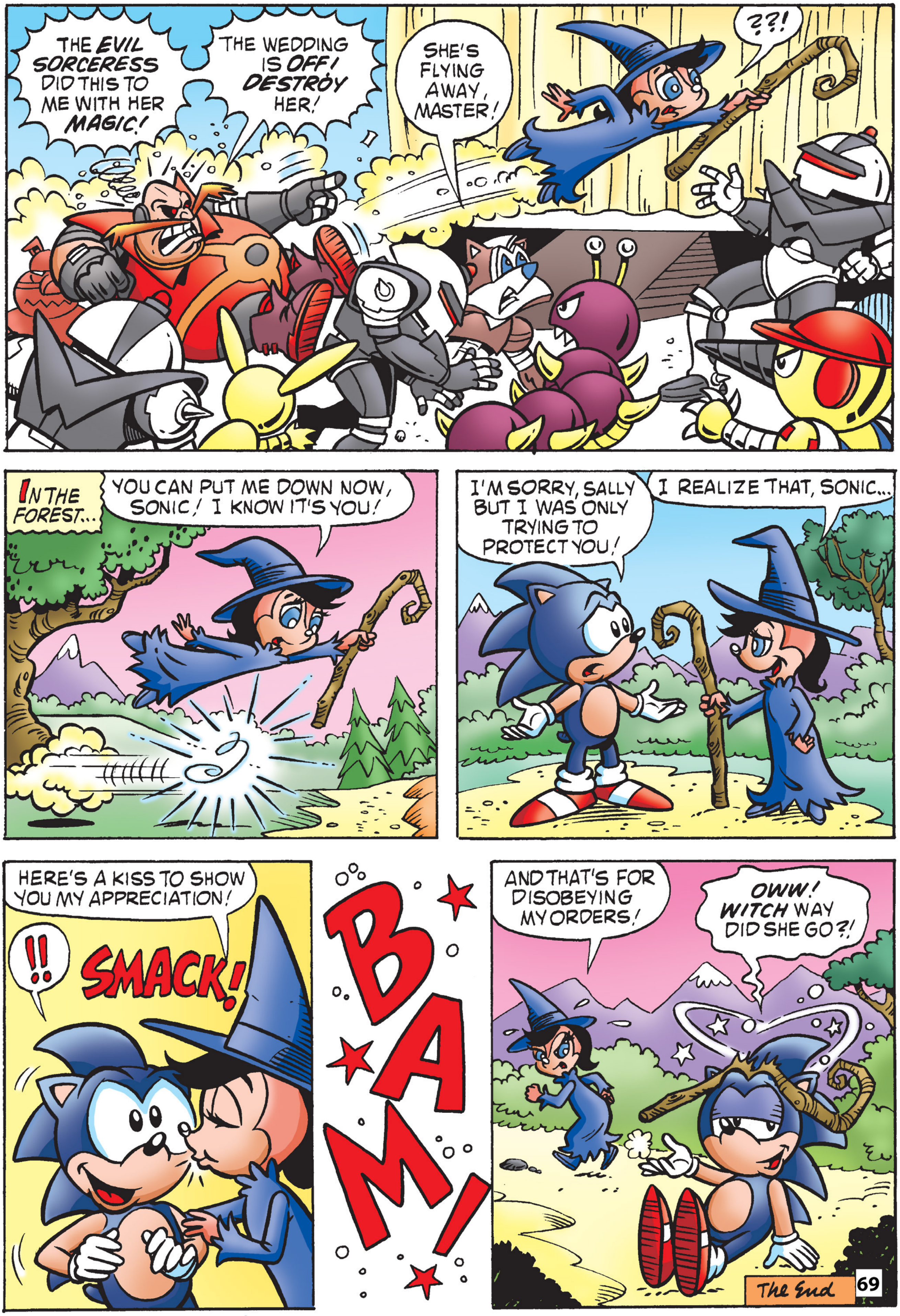

THERE SHE IS, CRABMEAT! THE ONE I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR ALL MY LIFE!
YOU MEAN SOMEONE WITH A CURE FOR BAD BREATH?
FOREST VIEWER
NO, YOU NIT-WITTED NAIL CLIPPER! I MEAN A WOMAN WITH POWER EVEN GREATER THAN MINE!
WHAM!
WITH SUCH POWER AT MY DISPOSAL, I COULD FINALLY SLAM-DUNK SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS FREEDOM FIGHTERS...
I COULD TAKE OVER THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE...
...MAYBE I COULD EVEN STAR IN MY OWN COMIC BOOK AND TV SERIES!
WHY, I THINK I'M IN LOVE!
SOON...
...I SAID, "ARISE, LOG!"
?
"...ARISE! ARISE!" OKAY, FORGET IT!
YEAH, THIS IS REALLY A MAGIC STAFF... NOT!
MAYBE I HAVEN'T BEEN SAYING THE RIGHT MAGIC WORDS! MAYBE I SHOULD SAY...

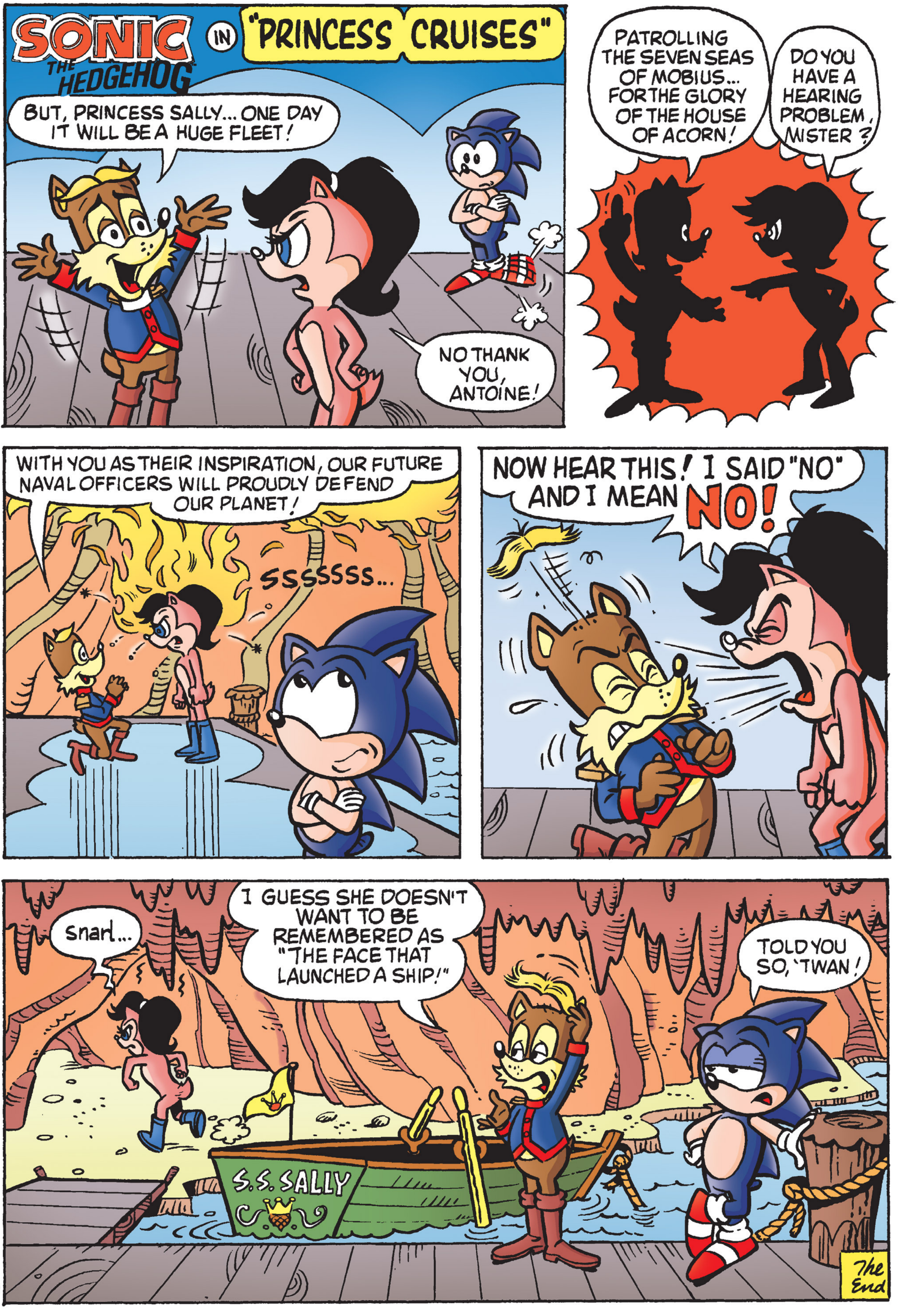

EEEEEK!
CONGRATULATIONS, YOU LUCKY WOMAN! IT IS **I** THE GREAT ROBOTNIK! I SEE YOU ARE ALREADY SWEPT OFF YOUR FEET BY MY CHARM AND GOOD LOOKS!
I WILL NOT WASTE TIME SPEAKING OF MY EMOTIONS... SINCE I DO NOT ***HAVE*** ANY! LET THESE GIFTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES...
... A BEAUTIFUL BOUQUET OF LIVING-BEING EATING WEEDS!
SNAP!
SNAP!
SNAP!
AN ECONOMY-SIZE BOX OF ***BOT-BONS***... CHOCOLATE ON THE OUTSIDE, ***MOTOR OIL*** THE INSIDE! YUM!
AND FINALLY A (YUCK!) 'LOVE' POEM: "PLEASE BE MY WIFE, NOT FOR BETTER FOR ***WORSE***--WE'LL RULE OVER MOBIUS WITH THE POWER OF OUR ***CURSE***!"
!!
JUST THINK OF ALL THE ***EVIL*** WE CAN DO TOGETHER! OH, MIGHTY SORCERESS, WILL YOU MARRY ME?
HUH?!... UH, I MEAN... WELL, UM... THAT IS...


ROBOTNIK DOESN'T RECOGNIZE ME IN THIS COSTUME! I'VE GOT TO PLAY ALONG OR I'LL END UP IN A ROBOT MAKING MACHINE!
UM... CAN I HAVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT?
OF COURSE! AND WHILE YOU THINK ABOUT SAYING "YES", I'LL PREPARE OUR SPECTACULAR, BUT PRACTICAL WEDDING CEREMONY!
OH NO!
ROBOTNIK IS RUNNING OFF WITH SALLY!-- IF I TRY TO SAVE HER SHE'LL KNOW I WAS KEEPING AN EYE ON HER!
TUM-TUM TA-TUM
I'LL FOLLOW THEM, BUT STAY OUT OF SIGHT!
THAT AFTERNOON...
INHABITANTS OF ROBOTROPOLIS, NOT SINCE I, ROBOTNIK, TOOK OVER THIS PLANET, HAS THERE BEEN A REASON TO CELEBRATE...
...OF COURSE ANYONE WHO DARED TO CELEBRATE WOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED!
ROBOTNIK HAUL
ALL PARTS OF THIS BUILDING HAULED BY SLAVES!


TODAY, I WILL ALLOW TEN ***SECONDS*** OF CELEBRATION, AS SOON AS THE SORCERESS AND I ARE MARRIED BY MY NEW WED-O-MATIC COMPUTER!
YIKES!
THE RING PLEASE!
SAY "I DO"!
YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE!
SALLY'S REALLY IN A TOUGH SPOT! HOW CAN I HELP HER WITHOUT HER KNOWING IT?
...BUT BEFORE WE BEGIN THE WEDDING CEREMONY...
...MY BRIDE-TO-BE WILL GIVE US A DEMONSTRATION OF HER MAGICAL POWERS!
I... I WILL?
UNLESS, OF COURSE YOU'RE NOT A SORCERESS AND ARE SIMPLY TRYING TO MAKE ME LOOK FOOLISH!
HEY! ***I*** CAN MAKE HIM LOOK FOOLISH...
GULP!


... WITH A LITTLE SONIC SORCERY! A WARP SPEED SPIN WILL MAKE ME INVISIBLE!
ZOOM!
UHH... YOU SAID A ... ER... DEMONSTRATION, RIGHT? ... UM... NOW LET'S SEE...
I'M WAITING.*
TAP! TAP! TAP!
* WHAT OTHER FAMOUS CHARACTER SAYS THAT? — EDITOR
OW! WHAT HIT ME?!
YOWTCH! SOMETHING STOMPED ON MY FOOT!
HEY! WHO DID THAT?!!
??
OOF!
CRASH!!!!

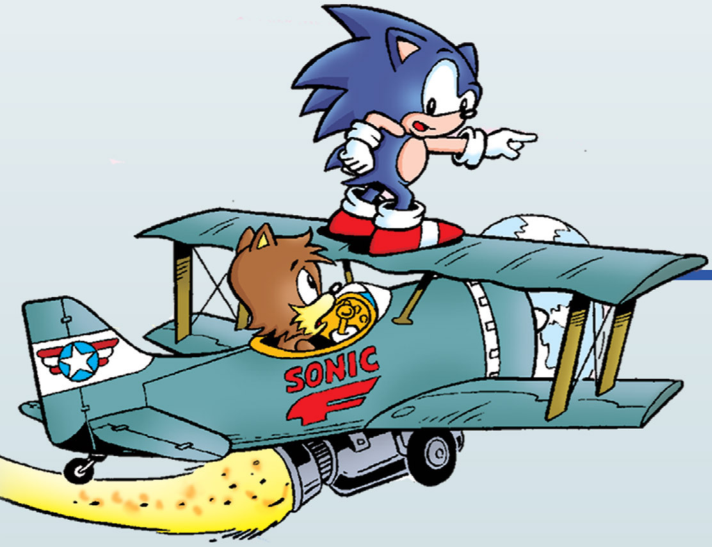

THE EVIL SORCERESS DID THIS TO ME WITH HER MAGIC!
THE WEDDING IS OFF! DESTROY HER!
SHE'S FLYING AWAY, MASTER!
??!
IN THE FOREST...
YOU CAN PUT ME DOWN NOW, SONIC! I KNOW IT'S YOU!
I'M SORRY, SALLY BUT I WAS ONLY TRYING TO PROTECT YOU!
I REALIZE THAT, SONIC...
HERE'S A KISS TO SHOW YOU MY APPRECIATION!
!!
SMACK!
BAM!
AND THAT'S FOR DISOBEYING MY ORDERS!
OWW! WITCH WAY DID SHE GO?!
The End


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN "PRINCESS CRUISES"
BUT, PRINCESS SALLY... ONE DAY IT WILL BE A HUGE FLEET!
NO THANK YOU, ANTOINE!
PATROLLING THE SEVEN SEAS OF MOBIUS... FOR THE GLORY OF THE HOUSE OF ACORN!
DO YOU HAVE A HEARING PROBLEM, MISTER?
WITH YOU AS THEIR INSPIRATION, OUR FUTURE NAVAL OFFICERS WILL PROUDLY DEFEND OUR PLANET!
SSSSSSS...
NOW HEAR THIS! I SAID "NO" AND I MEAN NO!
snarl...
I GUESS SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE REMEMBERED AS "THE FACE THAT LAUNCHED A SHIP!"
TOLD YOU SO, 'TWAN!
S.S. SALLY
The End

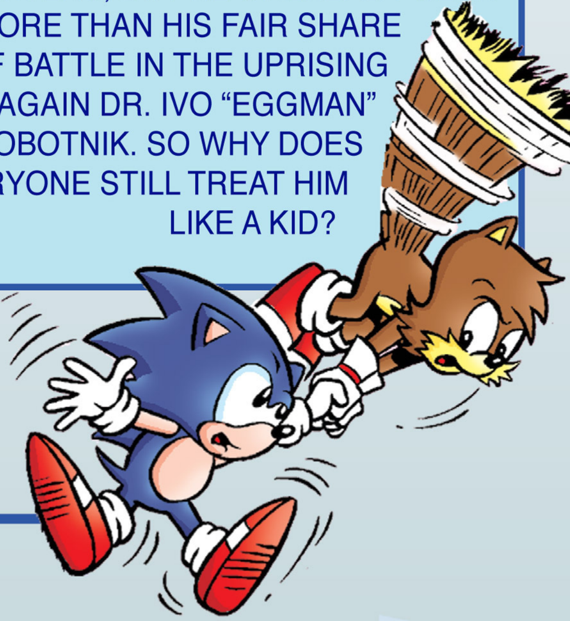
SONIC SUPER SPECIAL COMIC FEATURE:

PREVIOUSLY...

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG MAY BE THE **FASTEST** THING ALIVE, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE FASTEST THING IN THE **AIR**? THAT'S WHERE SONIC'S HEROIC BEST FRIEND AND SIDEKICK **MILES "TAILS" PROWER** COMES IN!



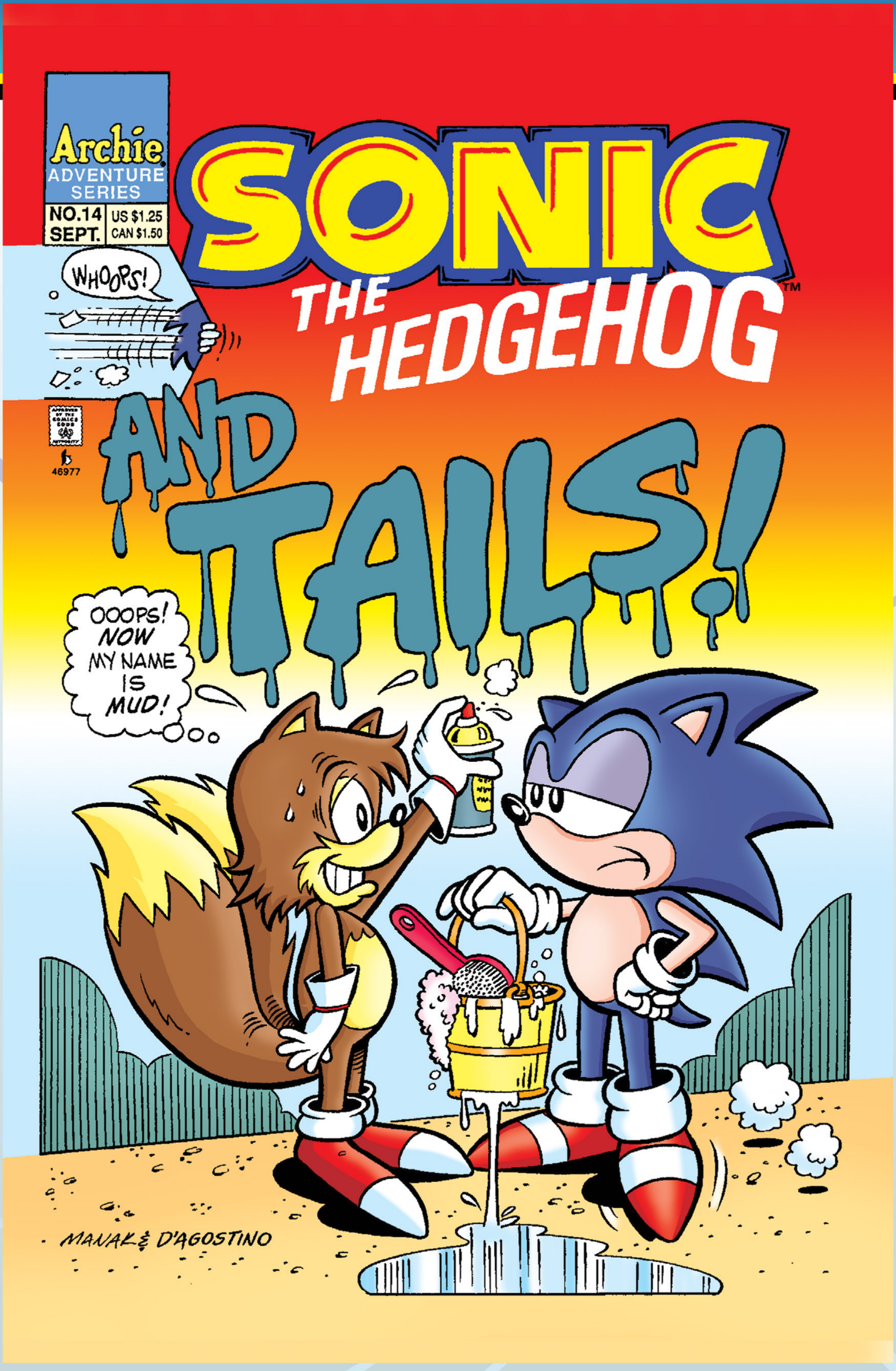
THE HIGH-FLYING TAILS MAY BE A "JUNIOR" MEMBER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, BUT HE'S ALREADY SEEN MORE THAN HIS FAIR SHARE OF BATTLE IN THE UPRISING AGAIN DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK. SO WHY DOES EVERYONE STILL TREAT HIM LIKE A KID?



AS TAILS IS ABOUT TO FIND OUT, YOU HAD BETTER BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR -- IT JUST MIGHT COME TRUE!

DID YOU KNOW...

Tails is often referred to as having a "chosen" great destiny in these early Sonic comics. Although several different storylines over the years addressed this idea, it wasn't until 2005's Sonic the Hedgehog #150 (and later the "Order from Chaos" story collected in Sonic Saga series vol2 GN) that the storyline was truly resolved.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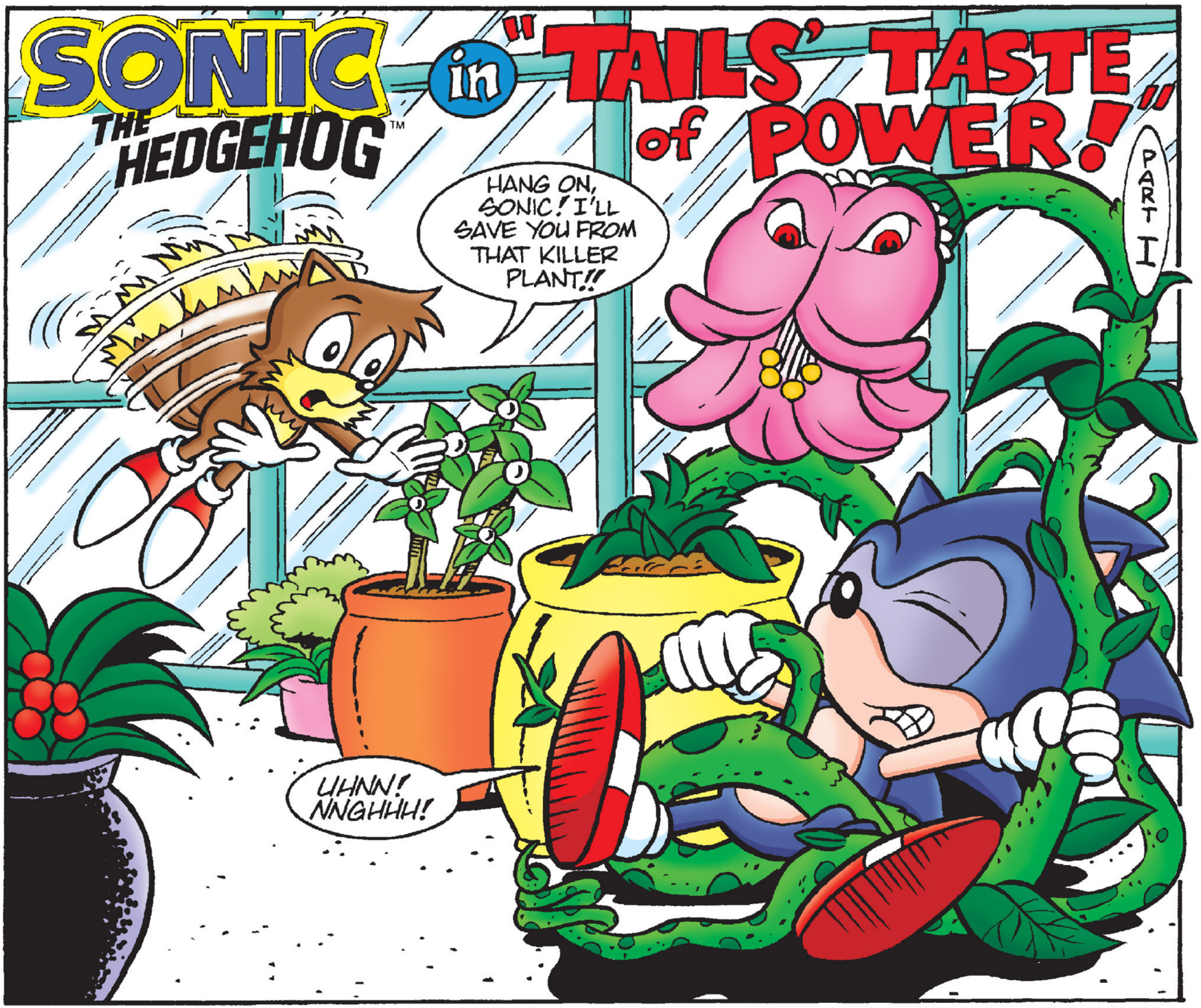
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
in "TAILS' TASTE of POWER!"
PART I
HANG ON, SONIC! I'LL SAVE YOU FROM THAT KILLER PLANT!!
UHNN! NNGHHH!

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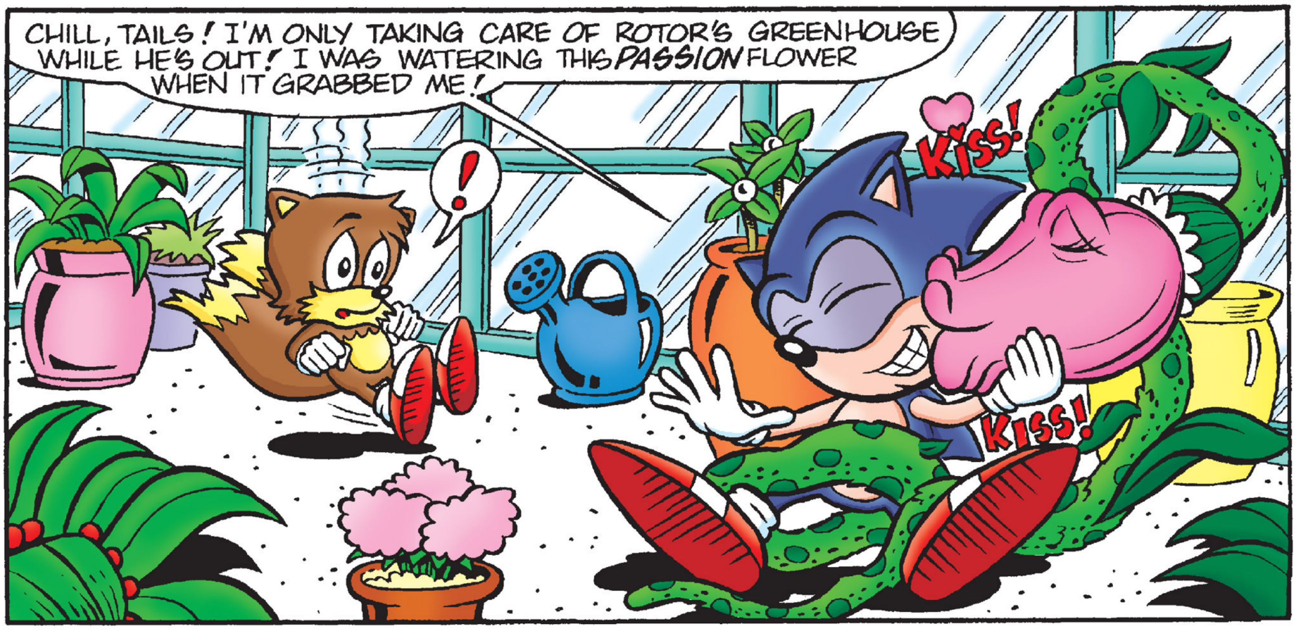
CHILL, TAILS! I'M ONLY TAKING CARE OF ROTOR'S GREENHOUSE WHILE HE'S OUT! I WAS WATERING THIS PASSION FLOWER WHEN IT GRABBED ME!
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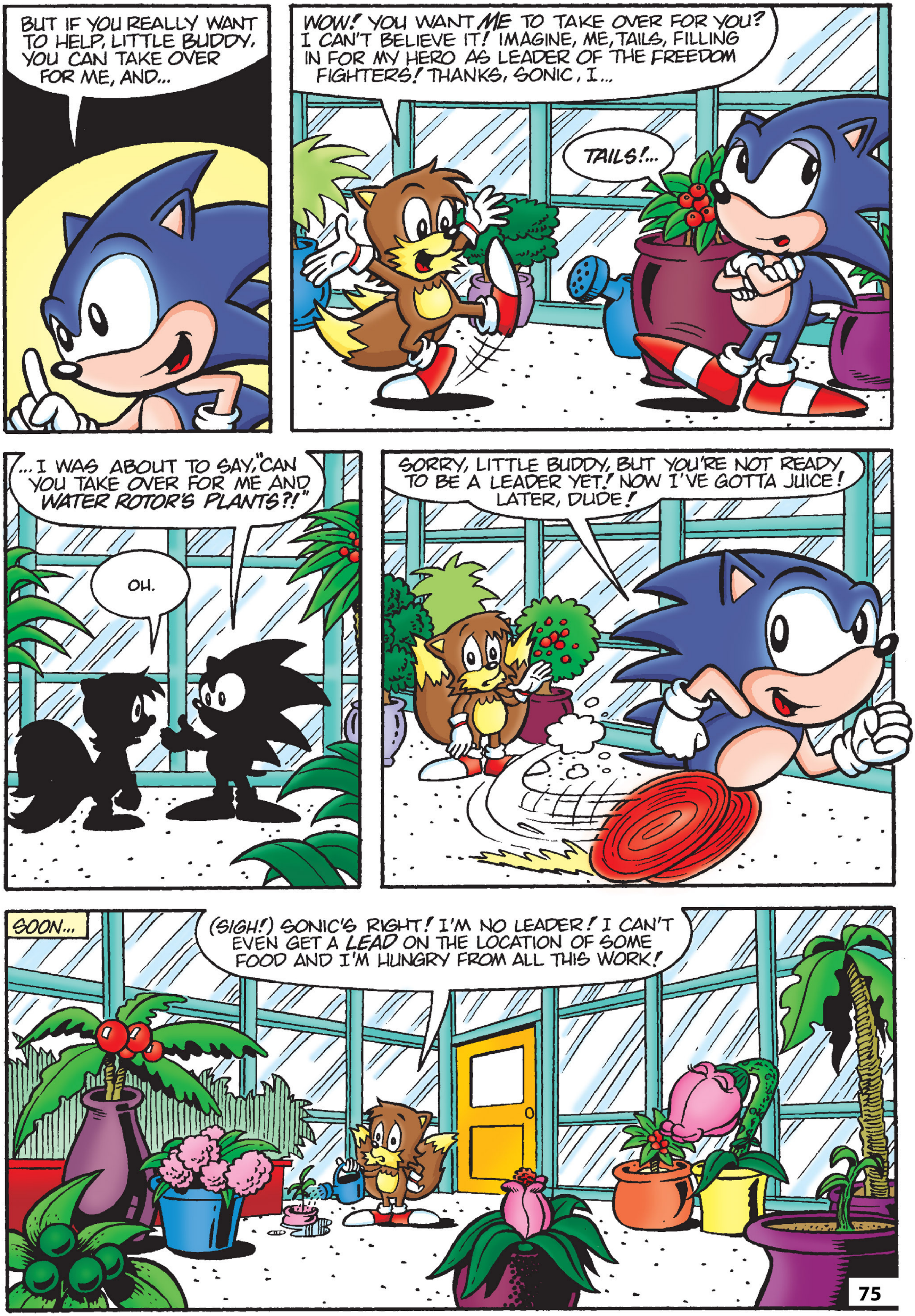
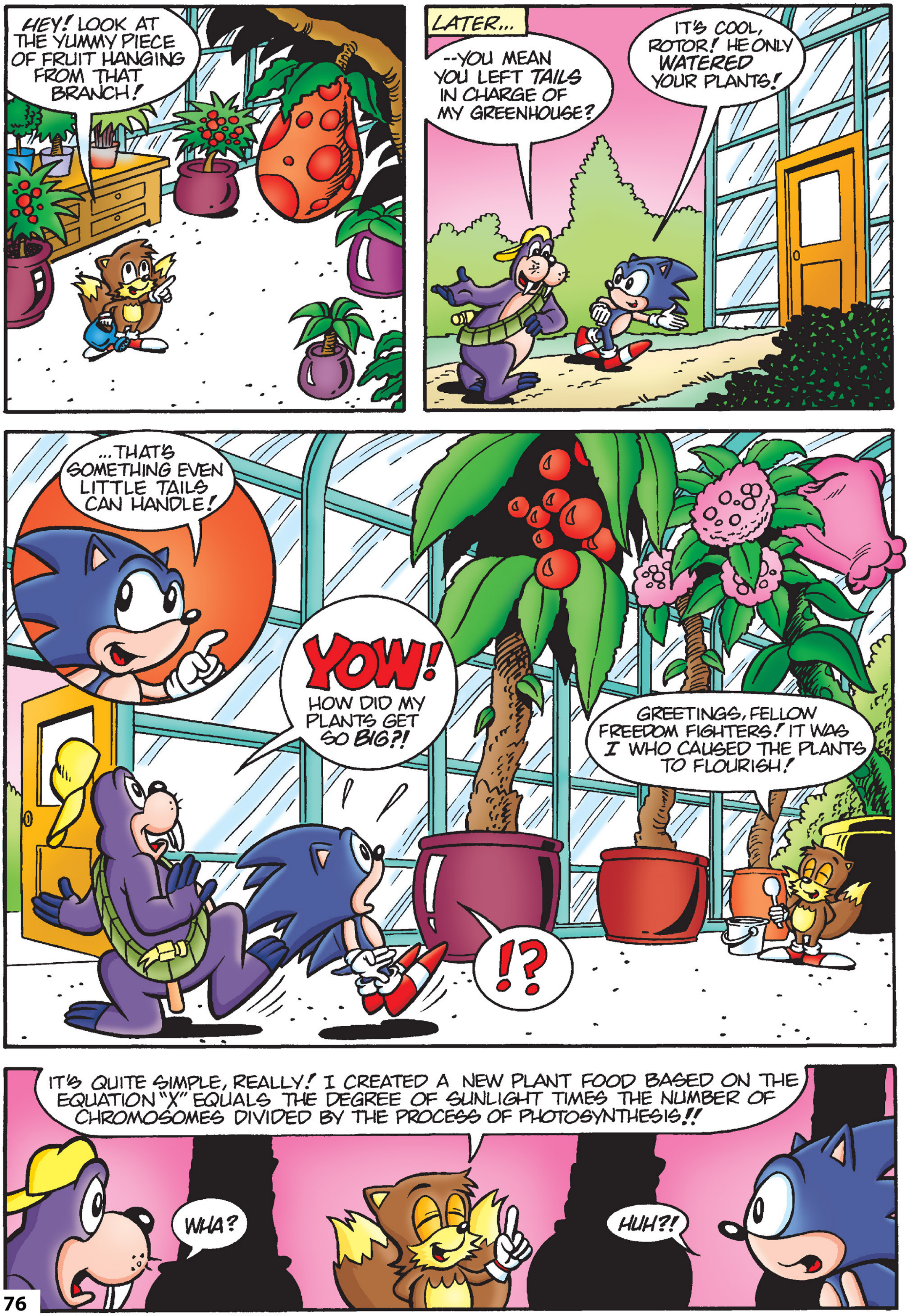
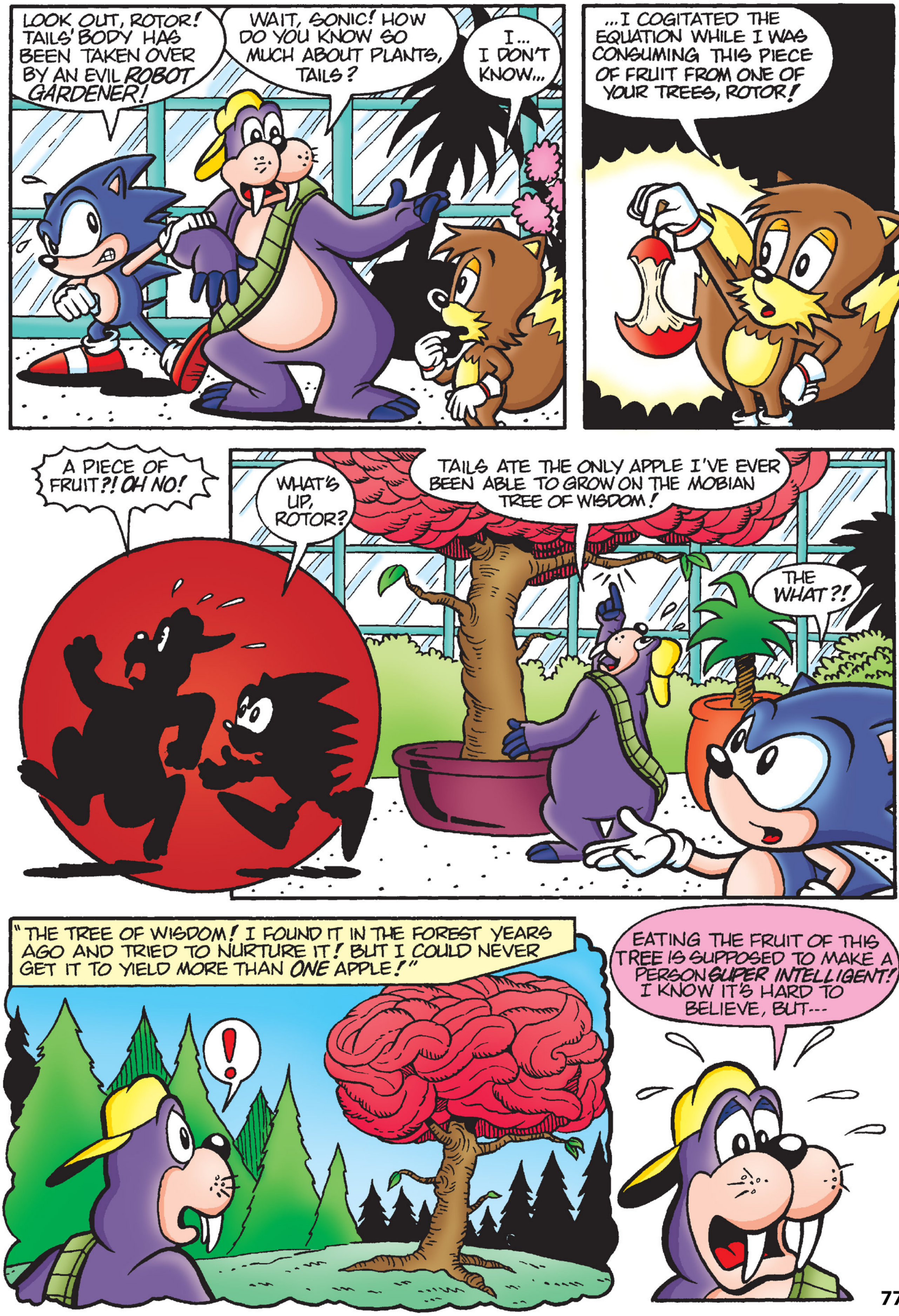
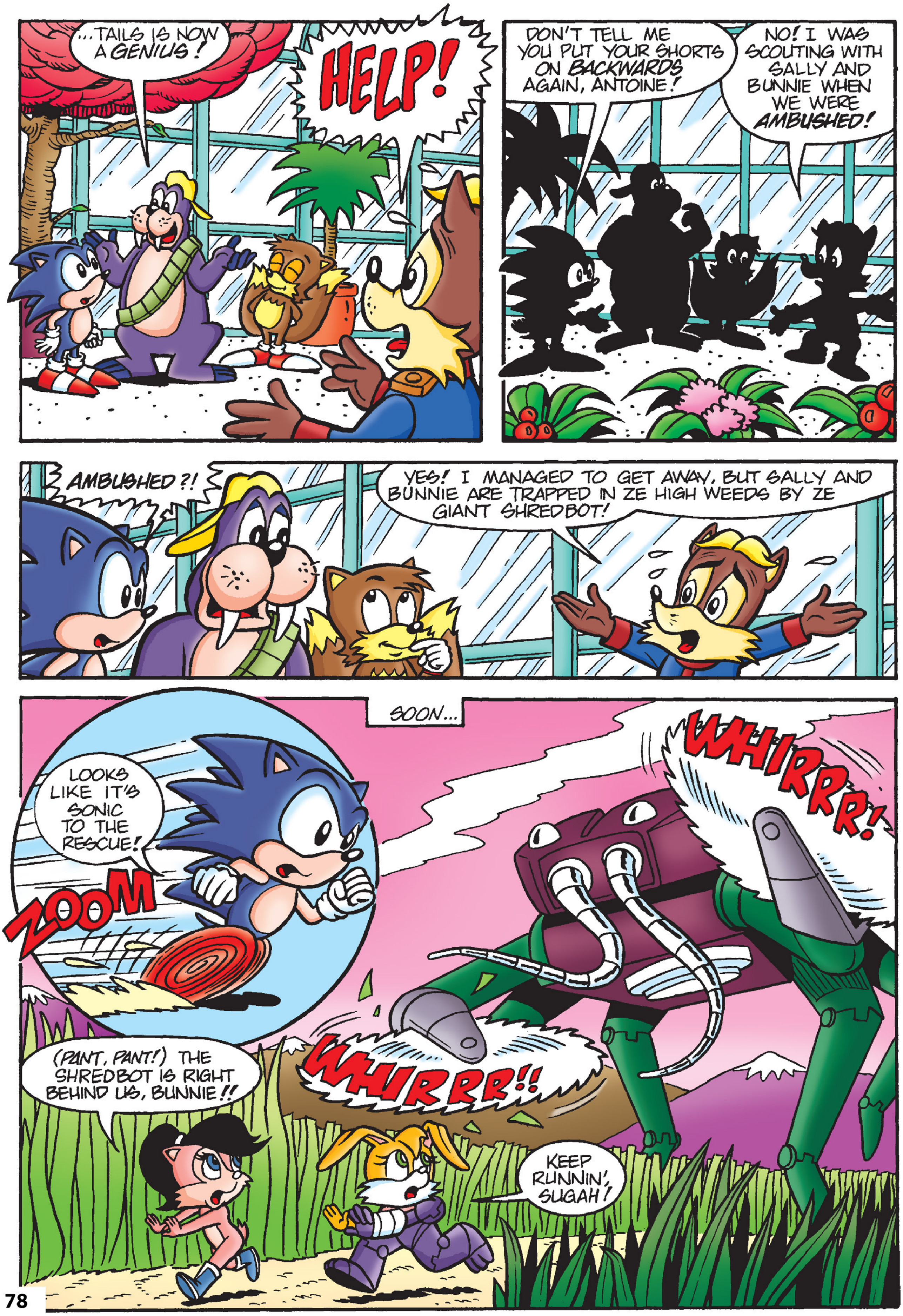
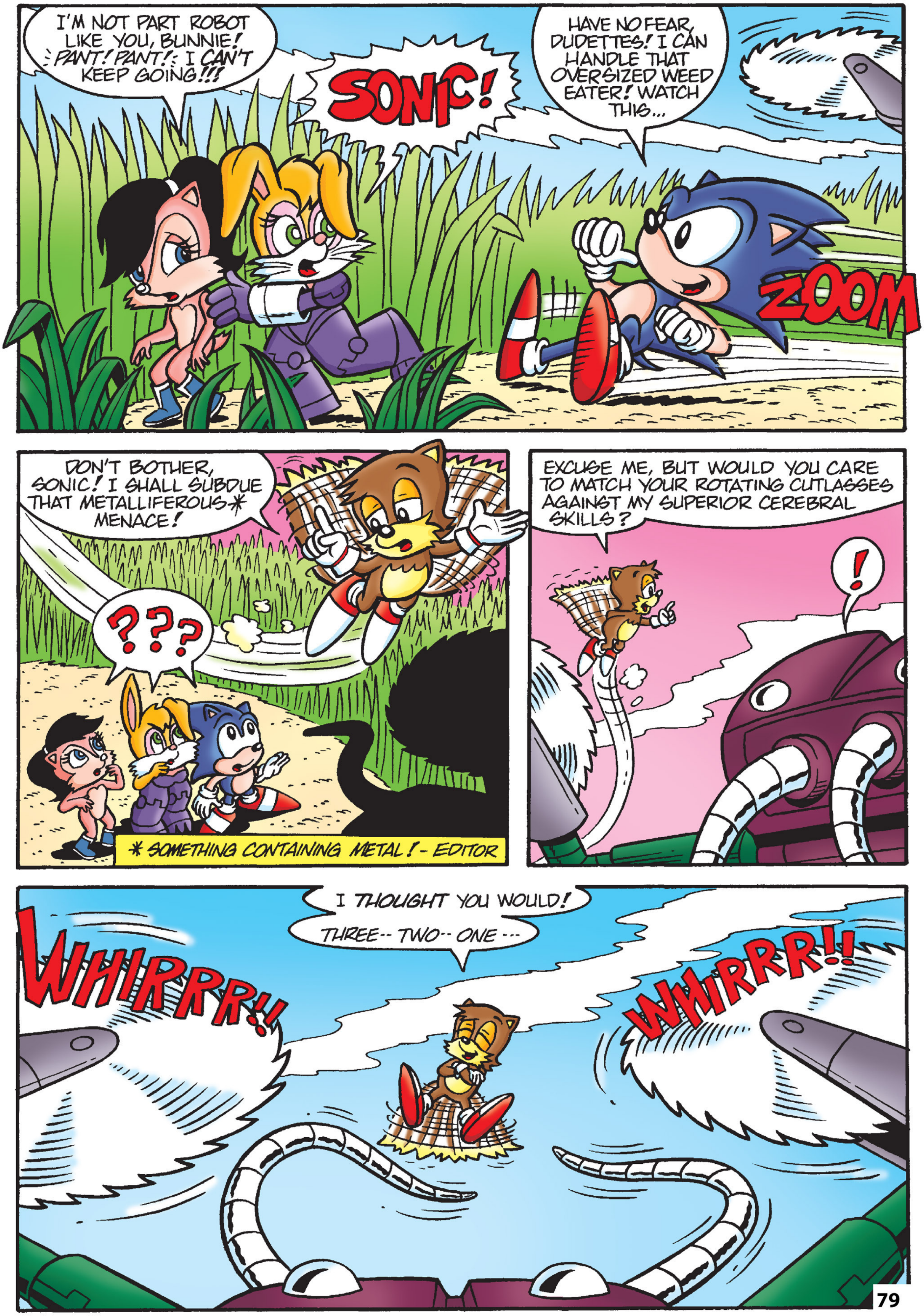
KISS!
KISS!


BUT IF YOU REALLY WANT TO HELP, LITTLE BUDDY, YOU CAN TAKE OVER FOR ME, AND...
WOW! YOU WANT ME TO TAKE OVER FOR YOU? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IMAGINE, ME, TAILS, FILLING IN FOR MY HERO AS LEADER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! THANKS, SONIC, I...
TAILS!...
...I WAS ABOUT TO SAY, "CAN YOU TAKE OVER FOR ME AND WATER ROTOR'S PLANTS?!"
OH.
SORRY, LITTLE BUDDY, BUT YOU'RE NOT READY TO BE A LEADER YET! NOW I'VE GOTTA JUICE! LATER, DUDE!
SOON...
(SIGH!) SONIC'S RIGHT! I'M NO LEADER! I CAN'T EVEN GET A LEAD ON THE LOCATION OF SOME FOOD AND I'M HUNGRY FROM ALL THIS WORK!


HEY! LOOK AT THE YUMMY PIECE OF FRUIT HANGING FROM THAT BRANCH!
LATER...
--YOU MEAN YOU LEFT TAILS IN CHARGE OF MY GREENHOUSE?
IT'S COOL, ROTOR! HE ONLY WATERED YOUR PLANTS!
...THAT'S SOMETHING EVEN LITTLE TAILS CAN HANDLE!
YOW! HOW DID MY PLANTS GET SO BIG?!
!?
GREETINGS, FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS! IT WAS I WHO CAUSED THE PLANTS TO FLOURISH!
IT'S QUITE SIMPLE, REALLY! I CREATED A NEW PLANT FOOD BASED ON THE EQUATION "X" EQUALS THE DEGREE OF SUNLIGHT TIMES THE NUMBER OF CHROMOSOMES DIVIDED BY THE PROCESS OF PHOTOSYNTHESIS!!
WHA?
HUH?!


LOOK OUT, ROTOR! TAILS' BODY HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY AN EVIL *ROBOT GARDENER!*
WAIT, SONIC! HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT PLANTS, TAILS?
I... I DON'T KNOW...
...I COGITATED THE EQUATION WHILE I WAS CONSUMING THIS PIECE OF FRUIT FROM ONE OF YOUR TREES, ROTOR!
A PIECE OF FRUIT?! *OH NO!*
WHAT'S UP, ROTOR?
TAILS ATE THE ONLY APPLE I'VE EVER BEEN ABLE TO GROW ON THE MOBIAN TREE OF WISDOM!
THE WHAT?!
"THE TREE OF WISDOM! I FOUND IT IN THE FOREST YEARS AGO AND TRIED TO NURTURE IT! BUT I COULD NEVER GET IT TO YIELD MORE THAN *ONE* APPLE!"
!
EATING THE FRUIT OF THIS TREE IS SUPPOSED TO MAKE A PERSON *SUPER INTELLIGENT!* I KNOW IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT---


...TAILS IS NOW A *GENIUS*!
HELP!
DON'T TELL ME YOU PUT YOUR SHORTS ON *BACKWARDS* AGAIN, ANTOINE!
NO! I WAS SCOUTING WITH SALLY AND BUNNIE WHEN WE WERE *AMBUSHED!*
AMBUSHED?!
YES! I MANAGED TO GET AWAY, BUT SALLY AND BUNNIE ARE TRAPPED IN ZE HIGH WEEDS BY ZE GIANT SHREDBOT!
SOON...
LOOKS LIKE IT'S SONIC TO THE RESCUE!
ZOOM
WHIRRRR!
WHIRRRR!!
(PANT, PANT!) THE SHREDBOT IS RIGHT BEHIND US, BUNNIE!!
KEEP RUNNIN', SUGAH!


I'M NOT PART ROBOT LIKE YOU, BUNNIE! PANT! PANT! I CAN'T KEEP GOING!!!
SONIC!
HAVE NO FEAR, DUDETTES! I CAN HANDLE THAT OVERSIZED WEED EATER! WATCH THIS...
ZOOM
DON'T BOTHER, SONIC! I SHALL SUBDUE THAT METALLIFEROUS* MENACE!
???
* SOMETHING CONTAINING METAL! - EDITOR
EXCUSE ME, BUT WOULD YOU CARE TO MATCH YOUR ROTATING CUTLASSES AGAINST MY SUPERIOR CEREBRAL SKILLS?
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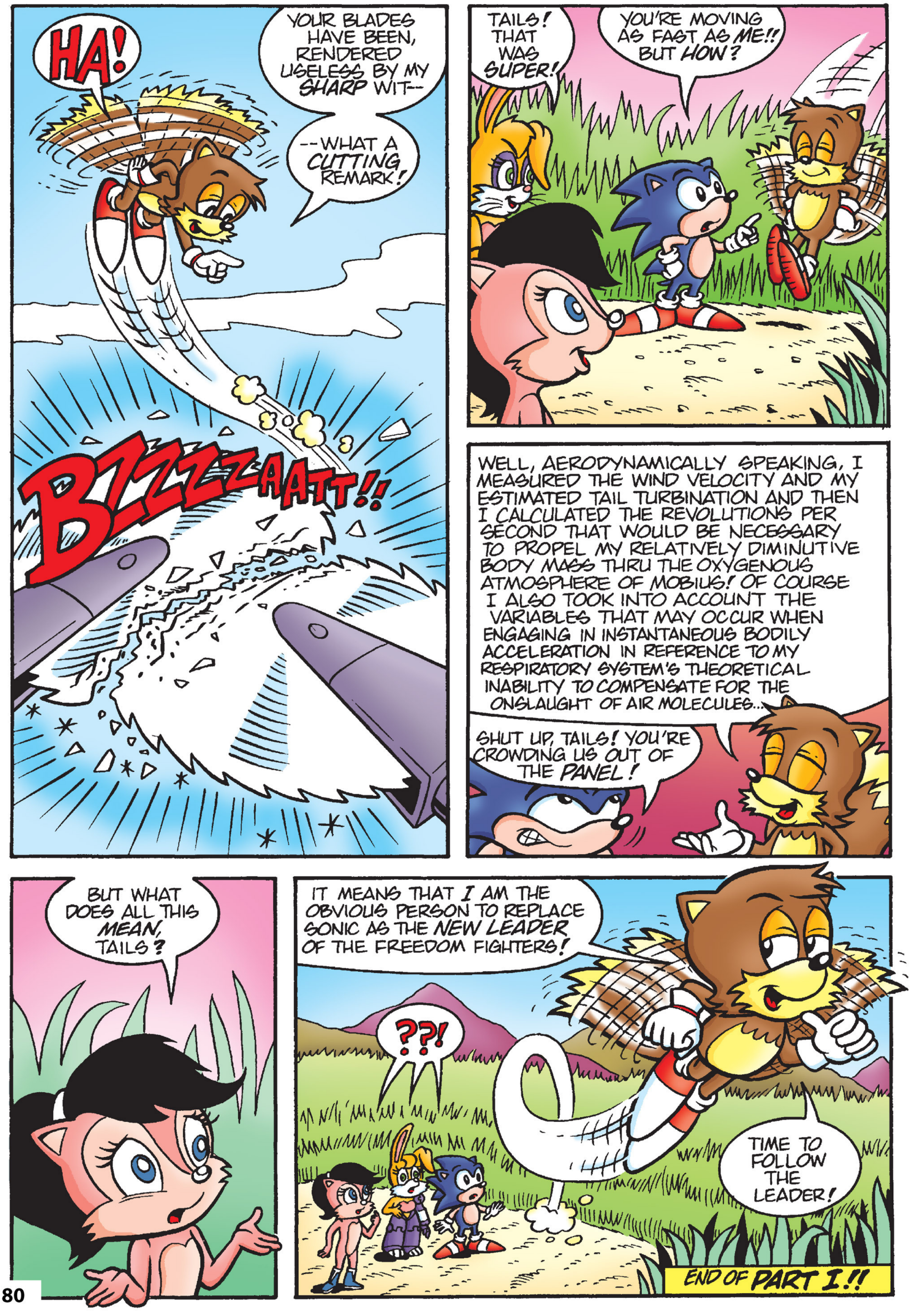
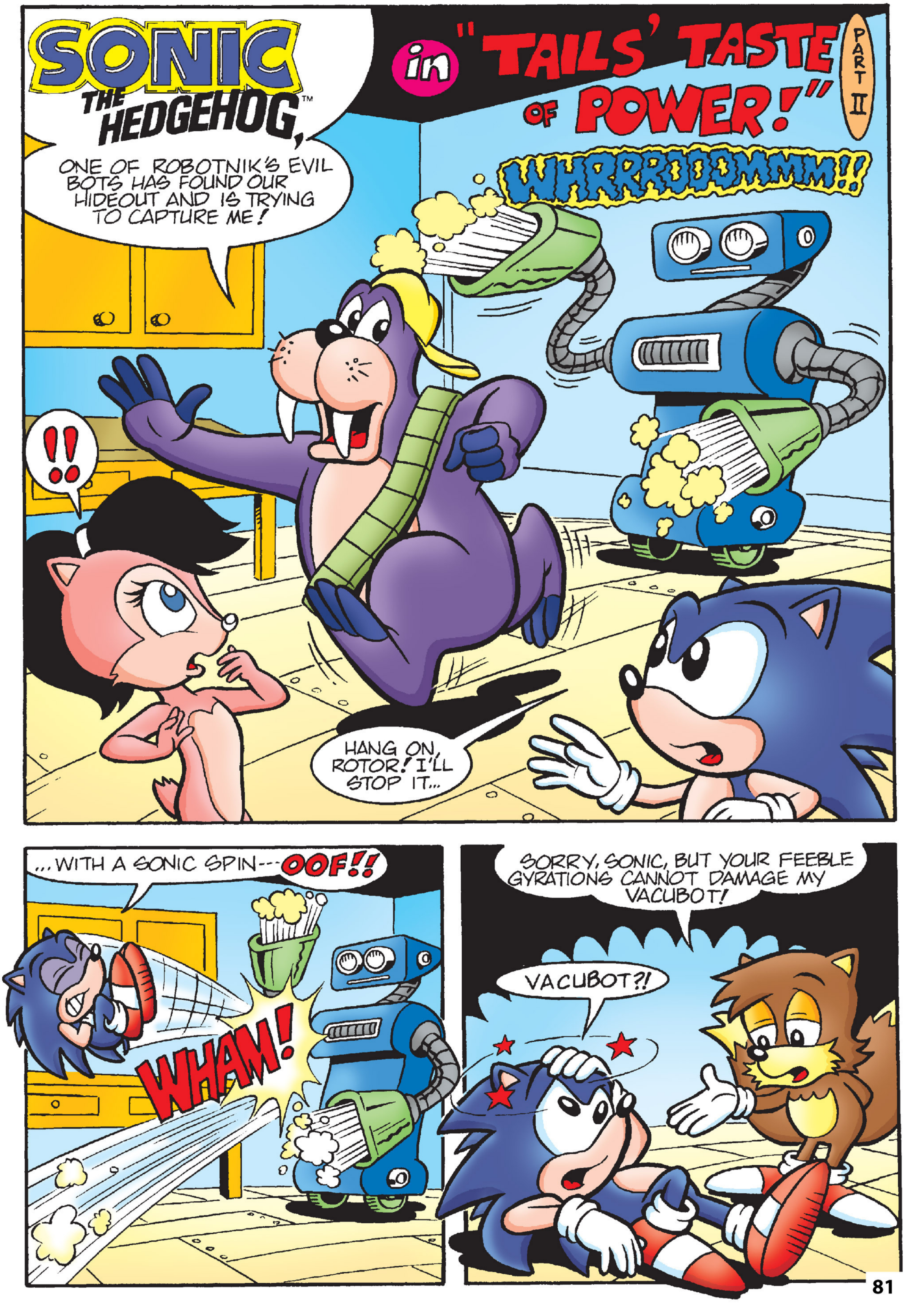
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD!
THREE-- TWO-- ONE ---
WHIRRR!!
WHIRRR!!


HA!
YOUR BLADES HAVE BEEN, RENDERED USELESS BY MY *SHARP* WIT--
--WHAT A *CUTTING* REMARK!
BZZZZAATT!!
TAILS! THAT WAS *SUPER!*
YOU'RE MOVING AS FAST AS *ME!!* BUT *HOW?*
WELL, AERODYNAMICALLY SPEAKING, I MEASURED THE WIND VELOCITY AND MY ESTIMATED TAIL TURBINATION AND THEN I CALCULATED THE REVOLUTIONS PER SECOND THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PROPEL MY RELATIVELY DIMINUTIVE BODY MASS THRU THE OXYGENOUS ATMOSPHERE OF MOBIUS! OF COURSE I ALSO TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE VARIABLES THAT MAY OCCUR WHEN ENGAGING IN INSTANTANEOUS BODILY ACCELERATION IN REFERENCE TO MY RESPIRATORY SYSTEM'S THEORETICAL INABILITY TO COMPENSATE FOR THE ONSLAUGHT OF AIR MOLECULES...
SHUT UP, TAILS! YOU'RE CROWDING US OUT OF THE *PANEL!*
BUT WHAT DOES ALL THIS *MEAN,* TAILS?
IT MEANS THAT *I* AM THE OBVIOUS PERSON TO REPLACE SONIC AS THE *NEW LEADER* OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
??!
TIME TO FOLLOW THE LEADER!
END OF PART I!!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ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S EVIL BOTS HAS FOUND OUR HIDEOUT AND IS TRYING TO CAPTURE ME!
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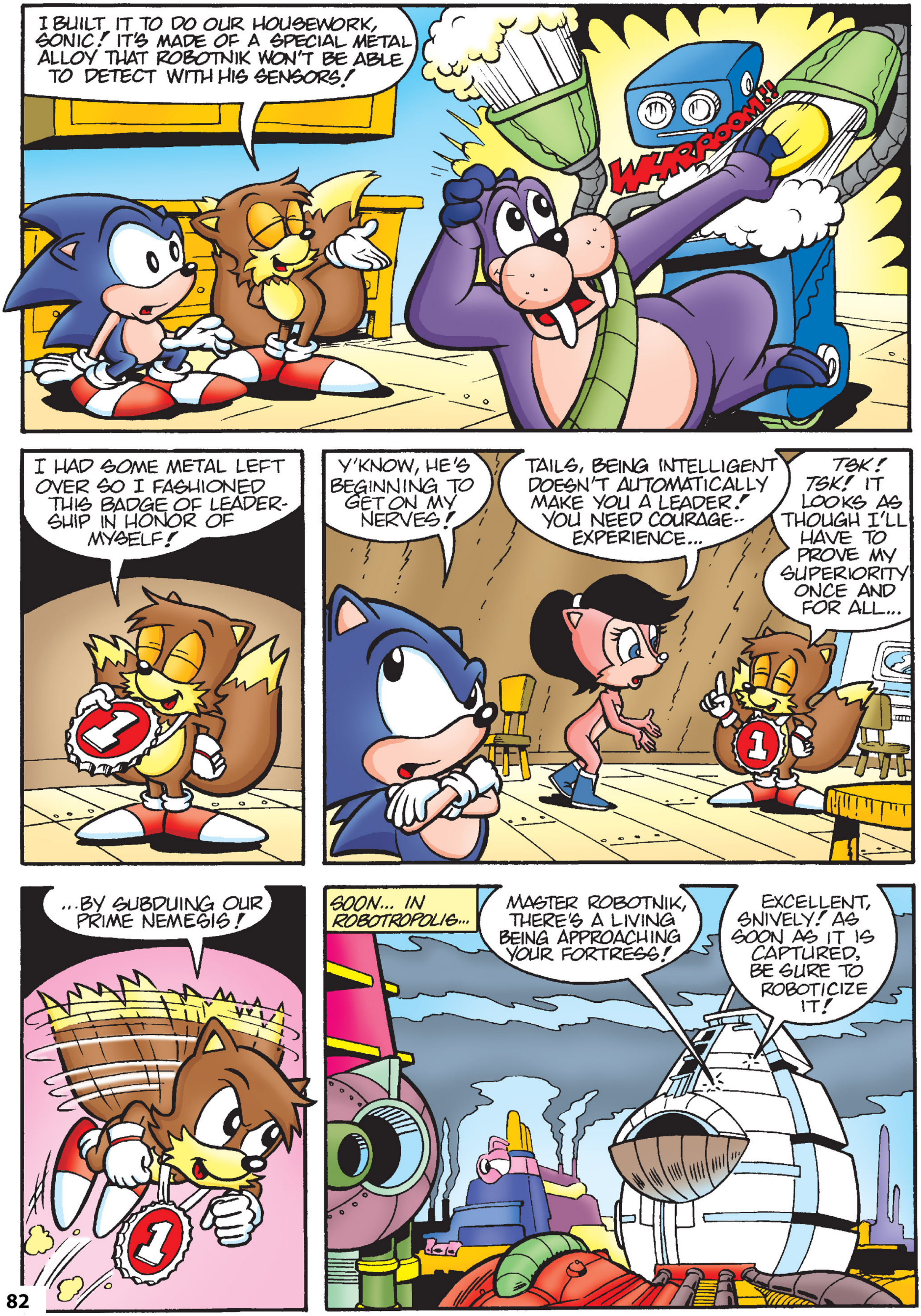
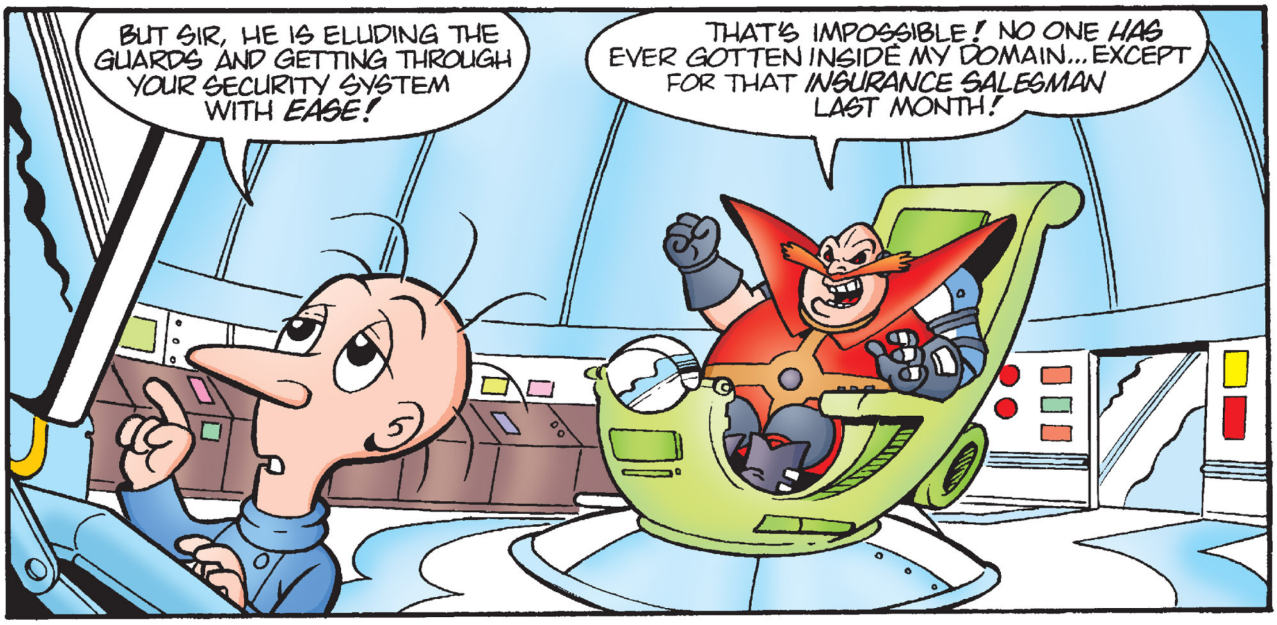
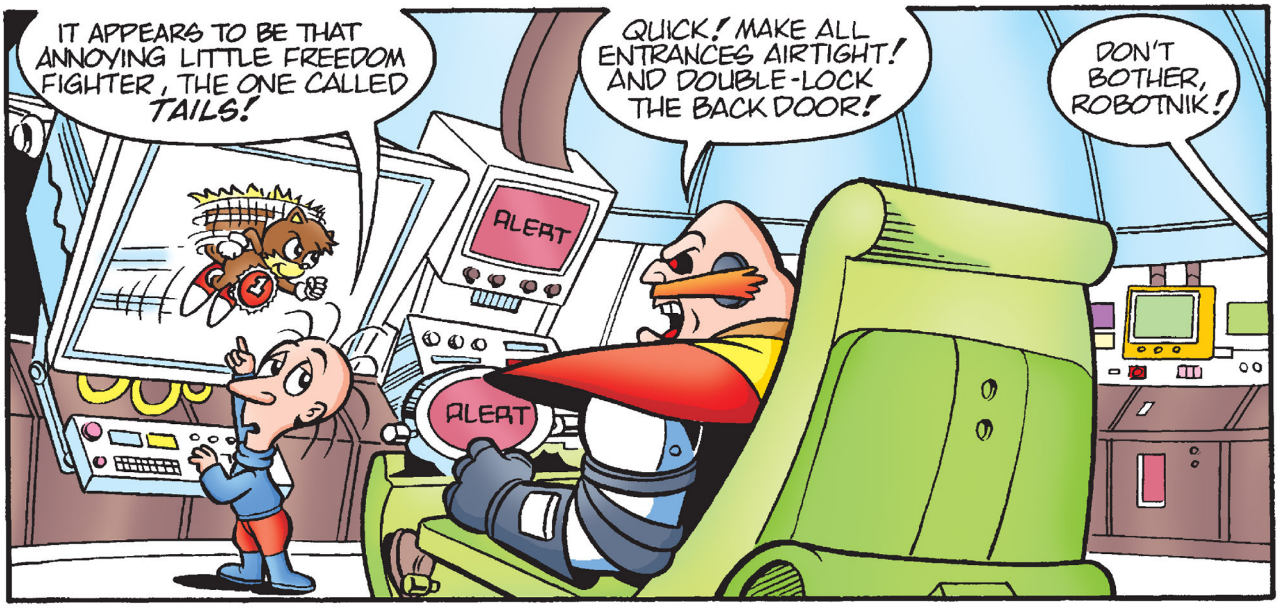
PART II
WHRRROOOMMM!!
!!
HANG ON, ROTOR! I'LL STOP IT...
...WITH A SONIC SPIN---OOF!!
WHAM!
SORRY, SONIC, BUT YOUR FEEBLE GYRATIONS CANNOT DAMAGE MY VACUBOT!
VACUBOT?!


I BUILT IT TO DO OUR HOUSEWORK, SONIC! IT'S MADE OF A SPECIAL METAL ALLOY THAT ROBOTNIK WON'T BE ABLE TO DETECT WITH HIS SENSORS!
WHARROOM!!
I HAD SOME METAL LEFT OVER SO I FASHIONED THIS BADGE OF LEADERSHIP IN HONOR OF MYSELF!
Y'KNOW, HE'S BEGINNING TO GET ON MY NERVES!
TAILS, BEING INTELLIGENT DOESN'T AUTOMATICALLY MAKE YOU A LEADER! YOU NEED COURAGE.. EXPERIENCE...
TSK! TSK! IT LOOKS AS THOUGH I'LL HAVE TO PROVE MY SUPERIORITY ONCE AND FOR ALL...
...BY SUBDUING OUR PRIME NEMESIS!
SOON... IN ROBOTROPOLIS...
MASTER ROBOTNIK, THERE'S A LIVING BEING APPROACHING YOUR FORTRESS!
EXCELLENT, SNIVELY! AS SOON AS IT IS CAPTURED, BE SURE TO ROBOTICIZE IT!


BUT SIR, HE IS ELUDING THE GUARDS AND GETTING THROUGH YOUR SECURITY SYSTEM WITH *EASE!*
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! NO ONE *HAS* EVER GOTTEN INSIDE MY DOMAIN... EXCEPT FOR THAT *INSURANCE SALESMAN* LAST MONTH!


IT APPEARS TO BE THAT ANNOYING LITTLE FREEDOM FIGHTER, THE ONE CALLED *TAILS!*
QUICK! MAKE ALL ENTRANCES AIRTIGHT! AND DOUBLE-LOCK THE BACK DOOR!
DON'T BOTHER, ROBOTNIK!
ALERT
ALERT
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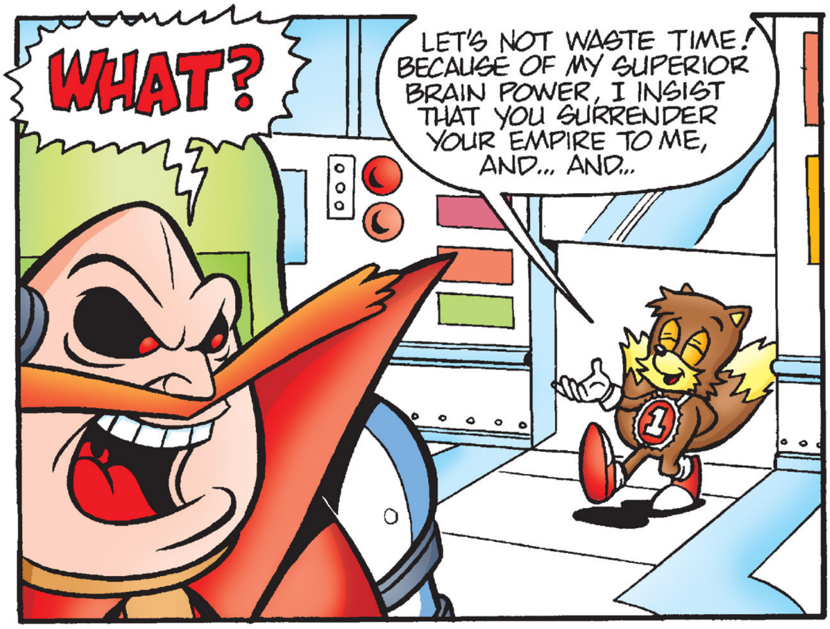
WHAT?
LET'S NOT WASTE TIME! BECAUSE OF MY SUPERIOR BRAIN POWER, I INSIST THAT YOU SURRENDER YOUR EMPIRE TO ME, AND... AND...
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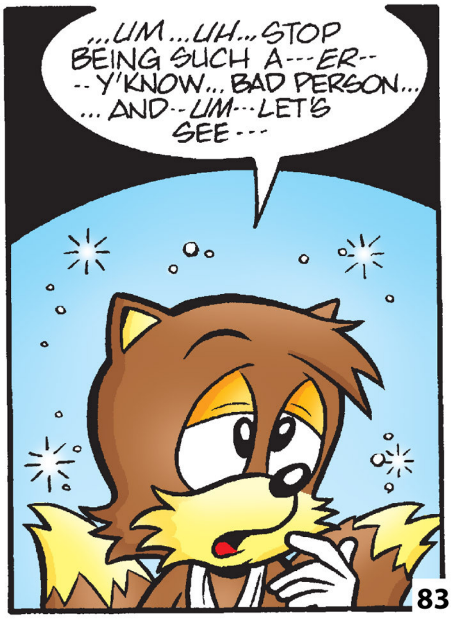
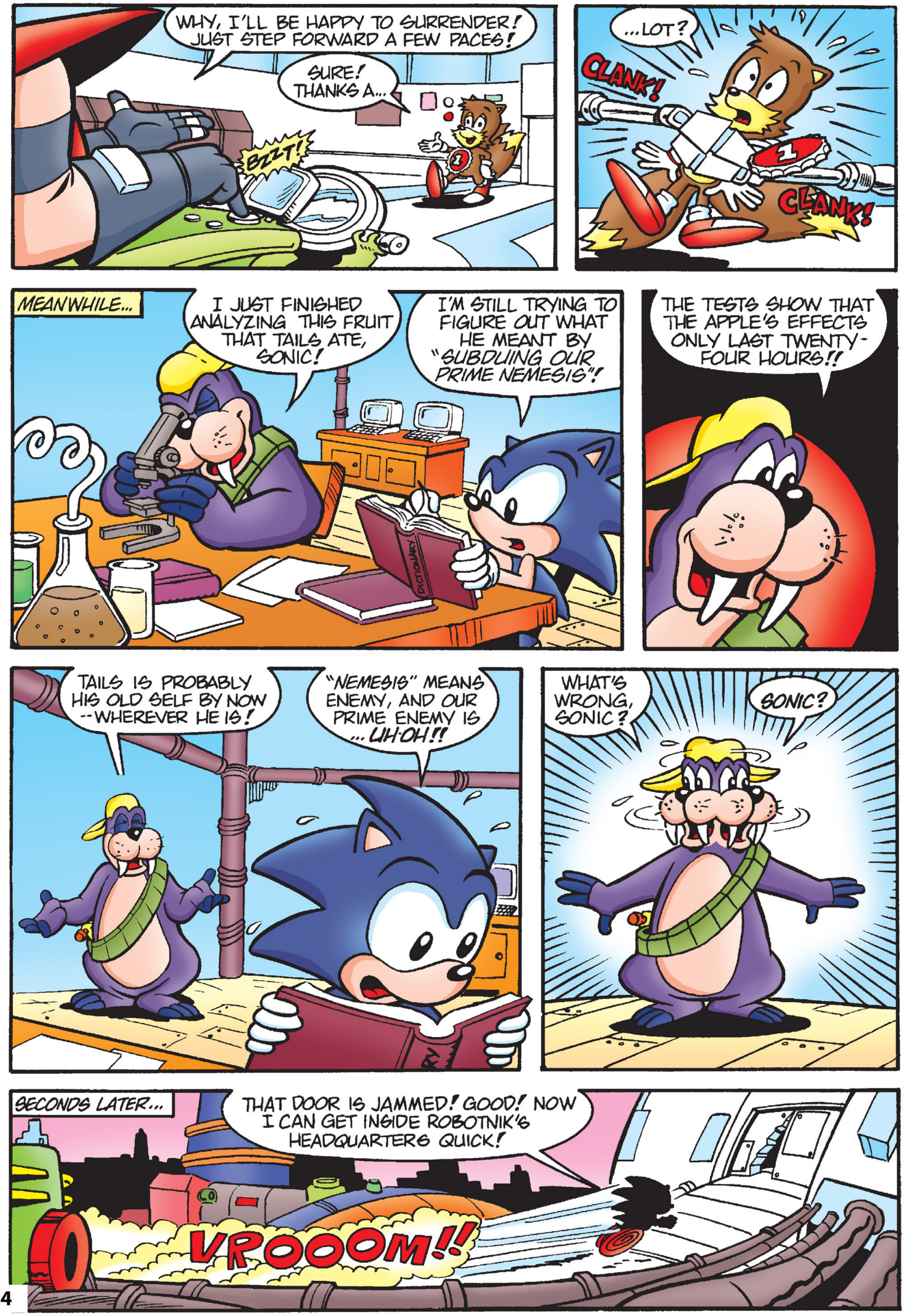
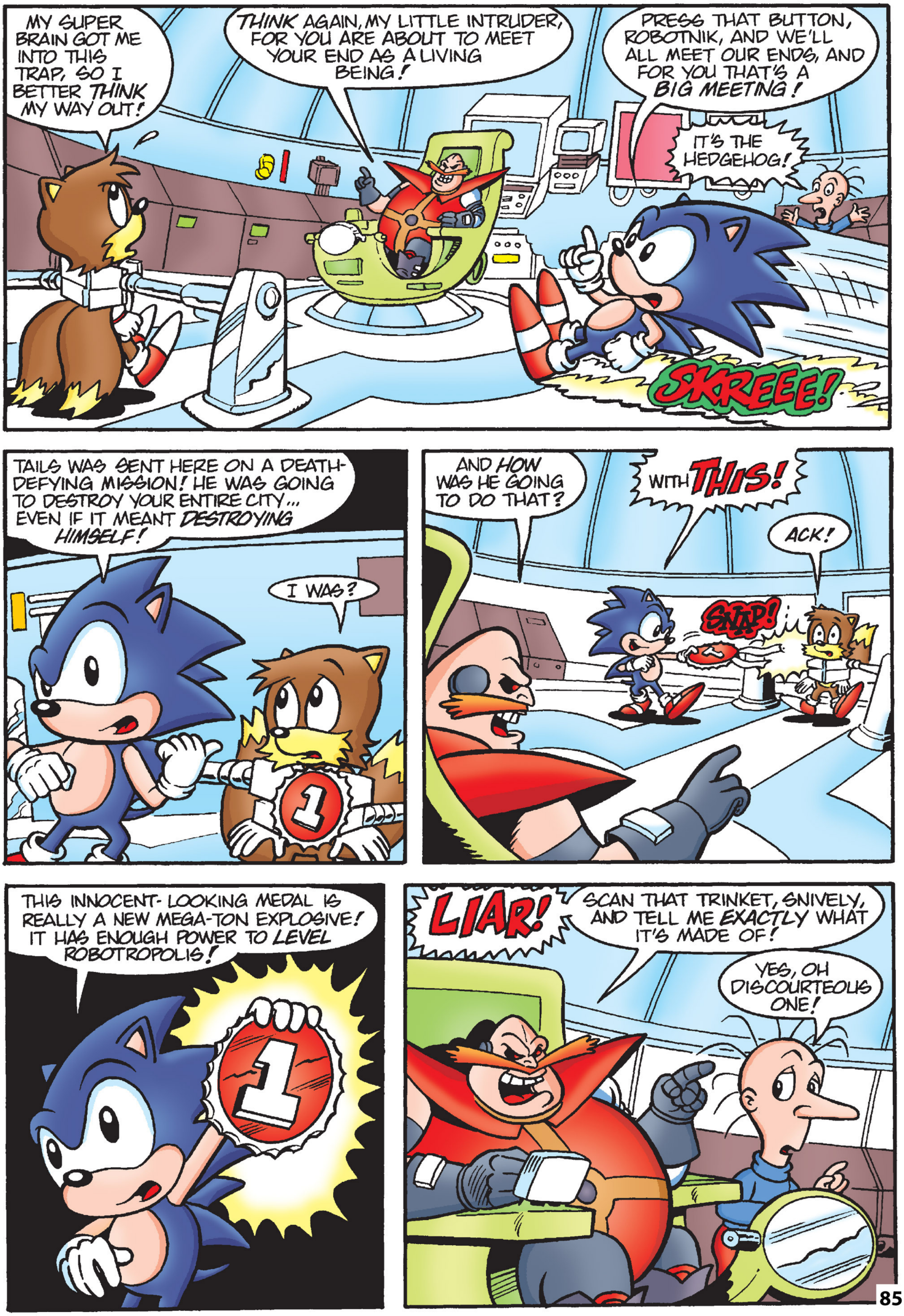

...UM...UH...STOP BEING SUCH A--*ER*--Y'KNOW... BAD PERSON... ...AND--*UM*--LET'S SEE---


WHY, I'LL BE HAPPY TO SURRENDER! JUST STEP FORWARD A FEW PACES!
SURE! THANKS A...
BZZT!
...LOT?
CLANK!
CLANK!
MEANWHILE...
I JUST FINISHED ANALYZING THIS FRUIT THAT TAILS ATE, SONIC!
I'M STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HE MEANT BY "SUBDUING OUR PRIME NEMESIS"!
DICTIONARY
THE TESTS SHOW THAT THE APPLE'S EFFECTS ONLY LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!!
TAILS IS PROBABLY HIS OLD SELF BY NOW --WHEREVER HE IS!
"NEMESIS" MEANS ENEMY, AND OUR PRIME ENEMY IS ...UH-OH!!
WHAT'S WRONG, SONIC?
SONIC?
SECONDS LATER...
THAT DOOR IS JAMMED! GOOD! NOW I CAN GET INSIDE ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS QUICK!
VROOOM!!


MY SUPER BRAIN GOT ME INTO THIS TRAP, SO I BETTER THINK MY WAY OUT!
THINK AGAIN, MY LITTLE INTRUDER, FOR YOU ARE ABOUT TO MEET YOUR END AS A LIVING BEING!
PRESS THAT BUTTON, ROBOTNIK, AND WE'LL ALL MEET OUR ENDS, AND FOR YOU THAT'S A BIG MEETING!
IT'S THE HEDGEHOG!
SKREEEE!
TAILS WAS SENT HERE ON A DEATH-DEFYING MISSION! HE WAS GOING TO DESTROY YOUR ENTIRE CITY... EVEN IF IT MEANT DESTROYING HIMSELF!
I WAS?
AND HOW WAS HE GOING TO DO THAT?
WITH THIS!
ACK!
SNAP!
THIS INNOCENT-LOOKING MEDAL IS REALLY A NEW MEGA-TON EXPLOSIVE! IT HAS ENOUGH POWER TO LEVEL ROBOTROPOLIS!
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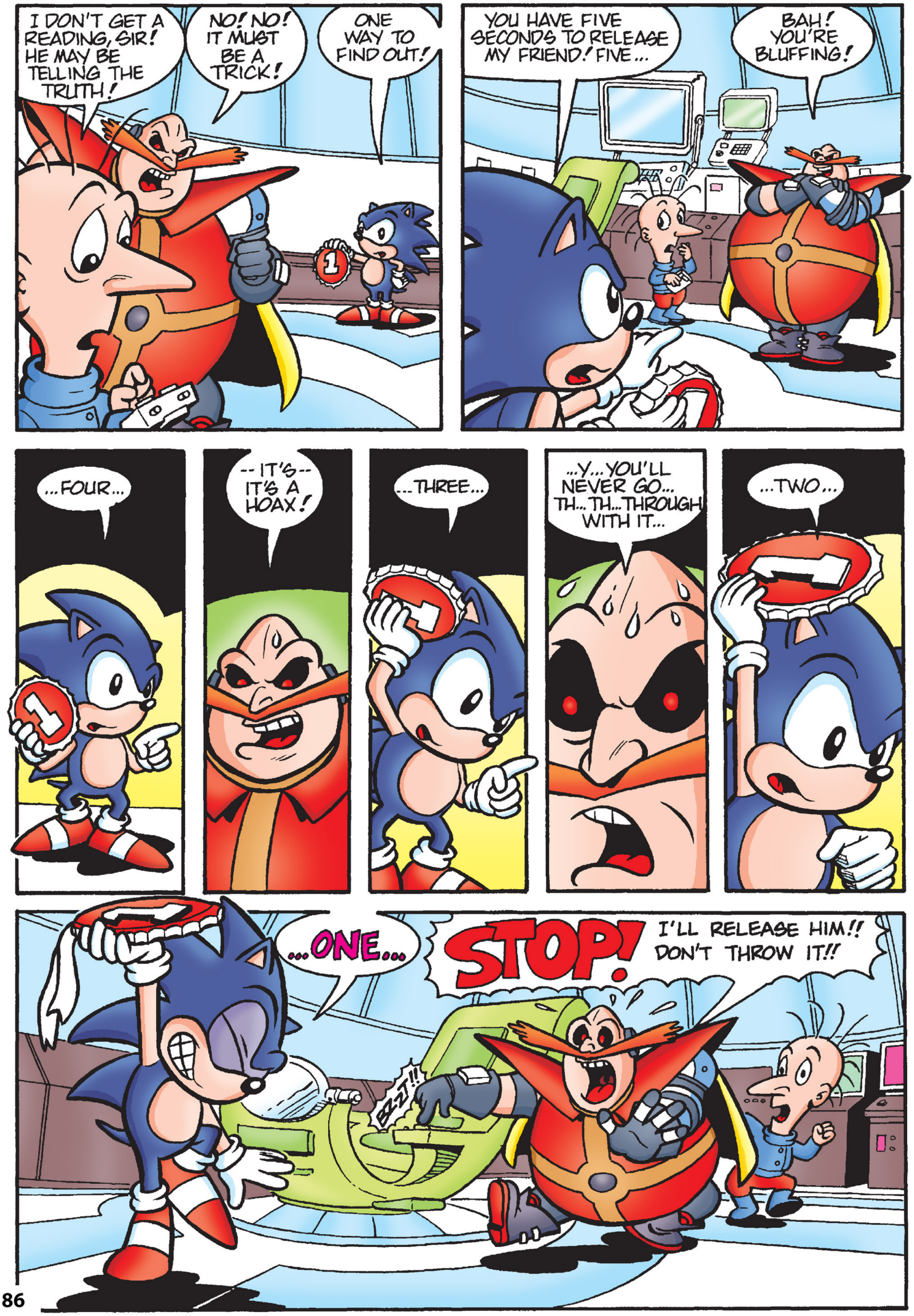
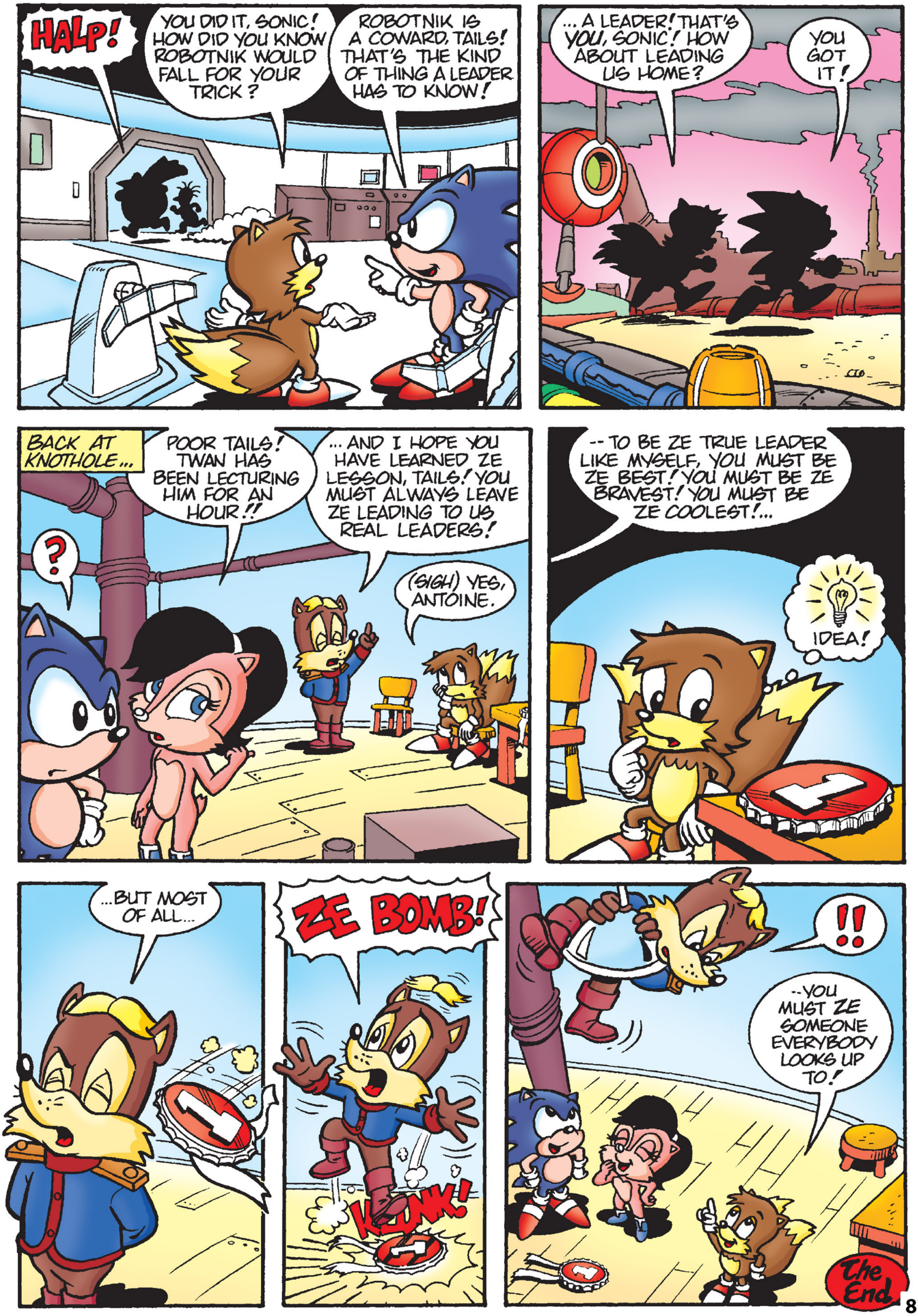
LIAR!
SCAN THAT TRINKET, SNIVELY, AND TELL ME EXACTLY WHAT IT'S MADE OF!
YES, OH DISCOURTEOUS ONE!

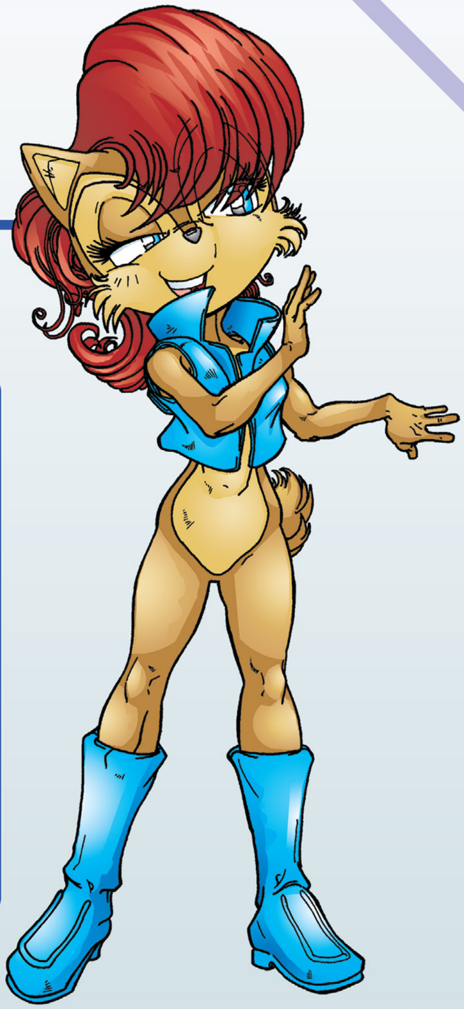

I DON'T GET A READING, SIR! HE MAY BE TELLING THE TRUTH!
NO! NO! IT MUST BE A TRICK!
ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!
YOU HAVE FIVE SECONDS TO RELEASE MY FRIEND! FIVE...
BAH! YOU'RE BLUFFING!
...FOUR...
-- IT'S -- IT'S A HOAX!
...THREE...
...Y... YOU'LL NEVER GO... TH... TH... THROUGH WITH IT...
...TWO...
...ONE...
STOP! I'LL RELEASE HIM!! DON'T THROW IT!!
BZZT!!


HALP!
YOU DID IT, SONIC! HOW DID YOU KNOW ROBOTNIK WOULD FALL FOR YOUR TRICK?
ROBOTNIK IS A COWARD, TAILS! THAT'S THE KIND OF THING A LEADER HAS TO KNOW!
...A LEADER! THAT'S YOU, SONIC! HOW ABOUT LEADING US HOME?
YOU GOT IT!
BACK AT KNOTHOLE...
POOR TAILS! TWAN HAS BEEN LECTURING HIM FOR AN HOUR!!
...AND I HOPE YOU HAVE LEARNED ZE LESSON, TAILS! YOU MUST ALWAYS LEAVE ZE LEADING TO US REAL LEADERS!
?
(SIGH) YES, ANTOINE.
--TO BE ZE TRUE LEADER LIKE MYSELF, YOU MUST BE ZE BEST! YOU MUST BE ZE BRAVEST! YOU MUST BE ZE COOLEST!...
IDEA!
...BUT MOST OF ALL...
ZE BOMB!
KLUNK!
!!
--YOU MUST ZE SOMEONE EVERYBODY LOOKS UP TO!
The End

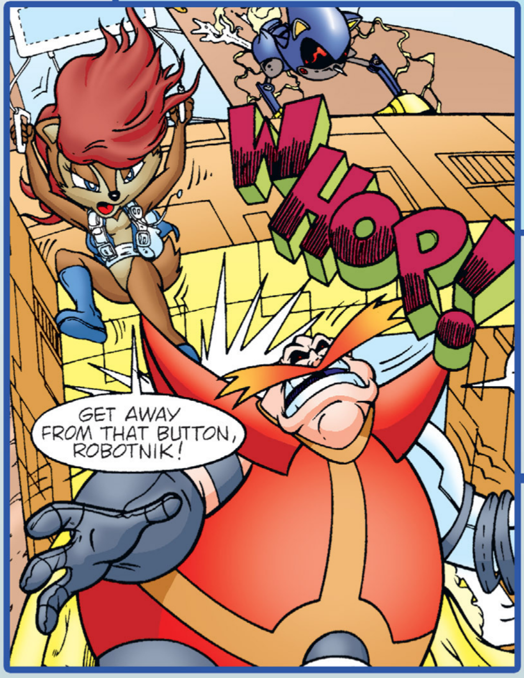
SONIC SUPER SPECIAL COMIC FEATURE:

PREVIOUSLY...

PRINCESS SALLY ACORN IS A KEY FIGURE IN THE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG COMIC **LEGACY,** BECAUSE NOT ONLY IS SHE **ROYALTY** -- SHE'S A **FIGHTER!**



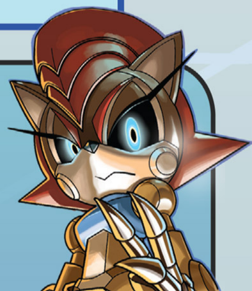
AS **FIELD LEADER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS** SALLY WAS ABLE TO WIN SEVERAL **VICTORIES** IN THE WAR AGAINST **DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK** -- SO WHAT'S THE EVIL DOCTOR'S SOLUTION IF HE CAN'T BEAT HER ON THE BATTLEFIELD? **REMOVE** HER FROM THE BATTLEFIELD!

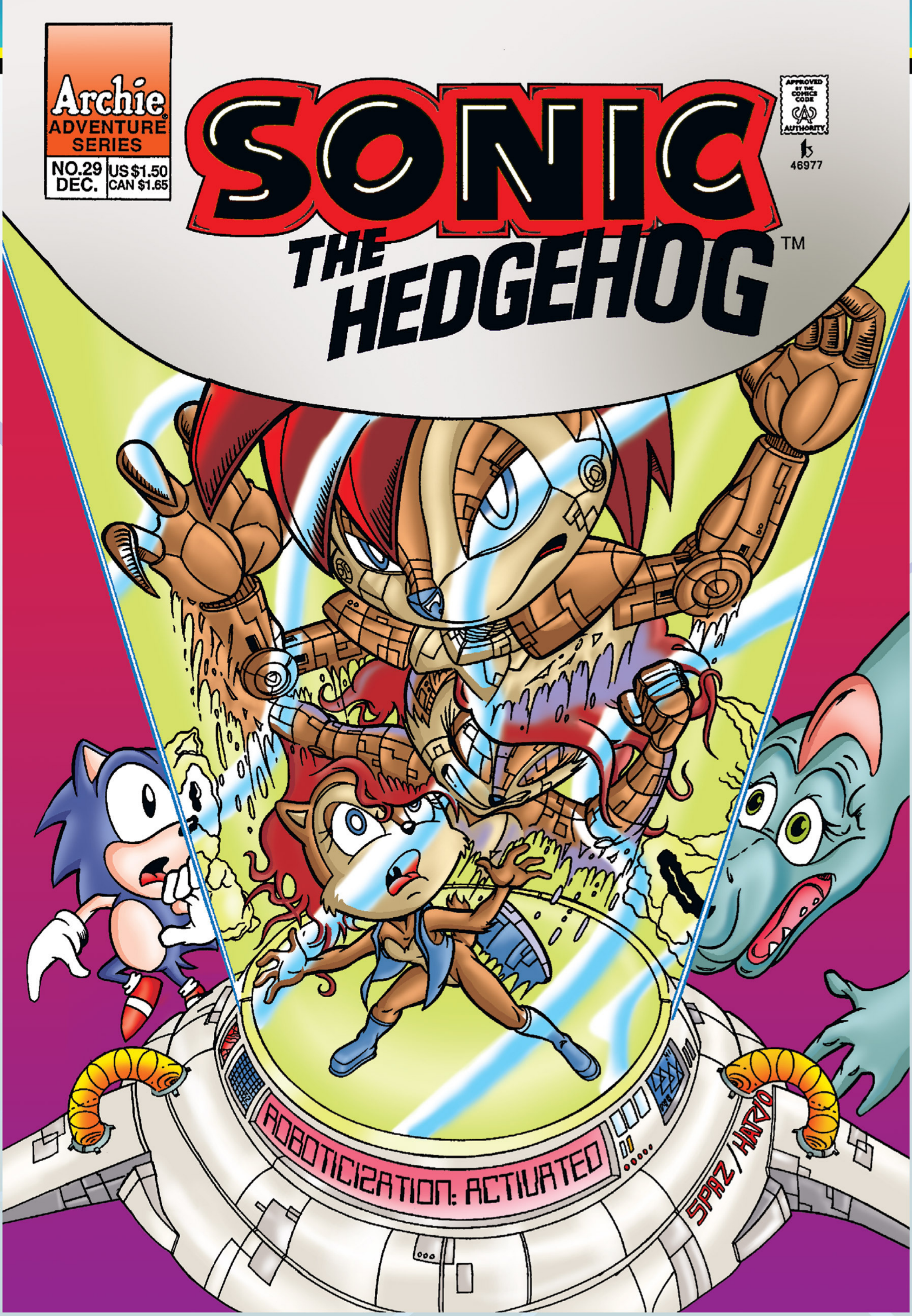

WHOP!
GET AWAY FROM THAT BUTTON, ROBOTNIK!

BETTER STILL, ROBOTNIK'S **ROBOTICIZATION MACHINE** IS ABLE TO TURN **FREE-THINKING**, LIVING AND BREATHING BEINGS INTO **MINDLESS ROBOTIC SLAVES**. AND SALLY ACORN IS HIS **NEXT TARGET...**

DID YOU KNOW...

Princess Sally was roboticized a SECOND time following the "Genesis" Wave in Sonic the Hedgehog #230! Artist Ben Bates was key in the initial design of the second roboticized Sally, which was loosely based on SPAZ's design from Sonic the Hedgehog #29! Check out Ben's design (right) and Spaz's design on the next page!

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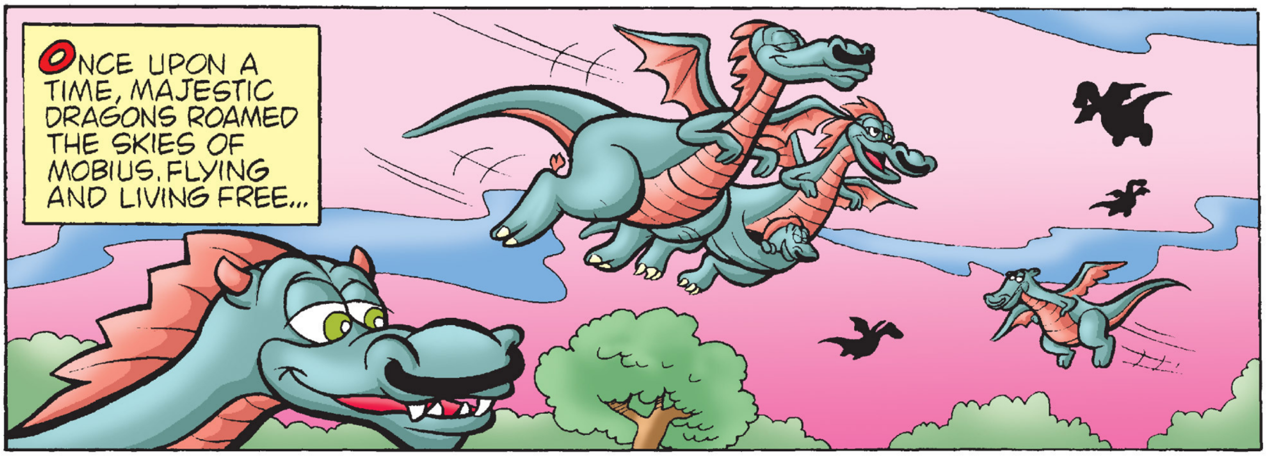
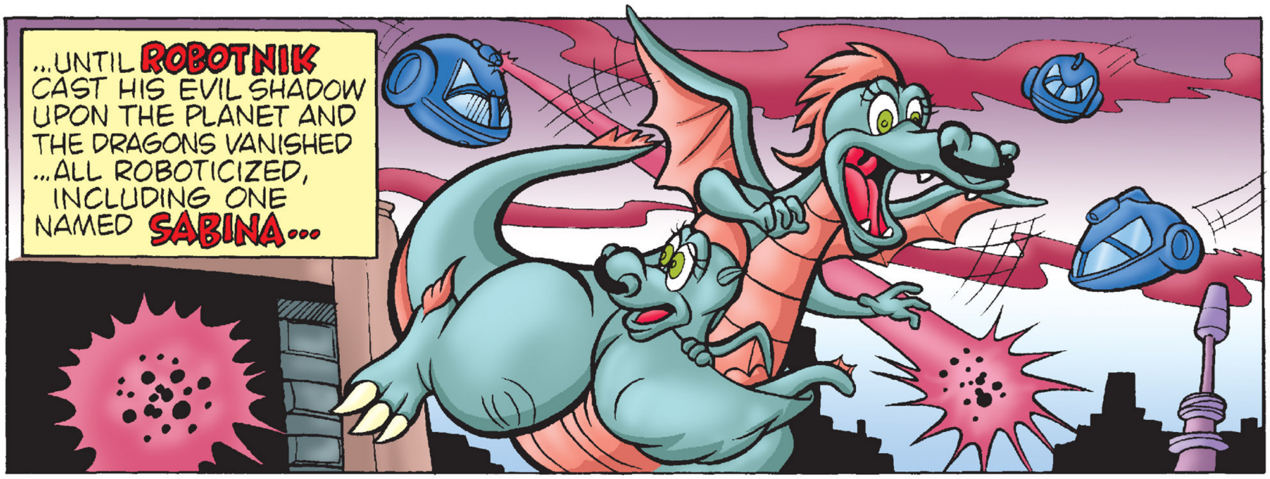
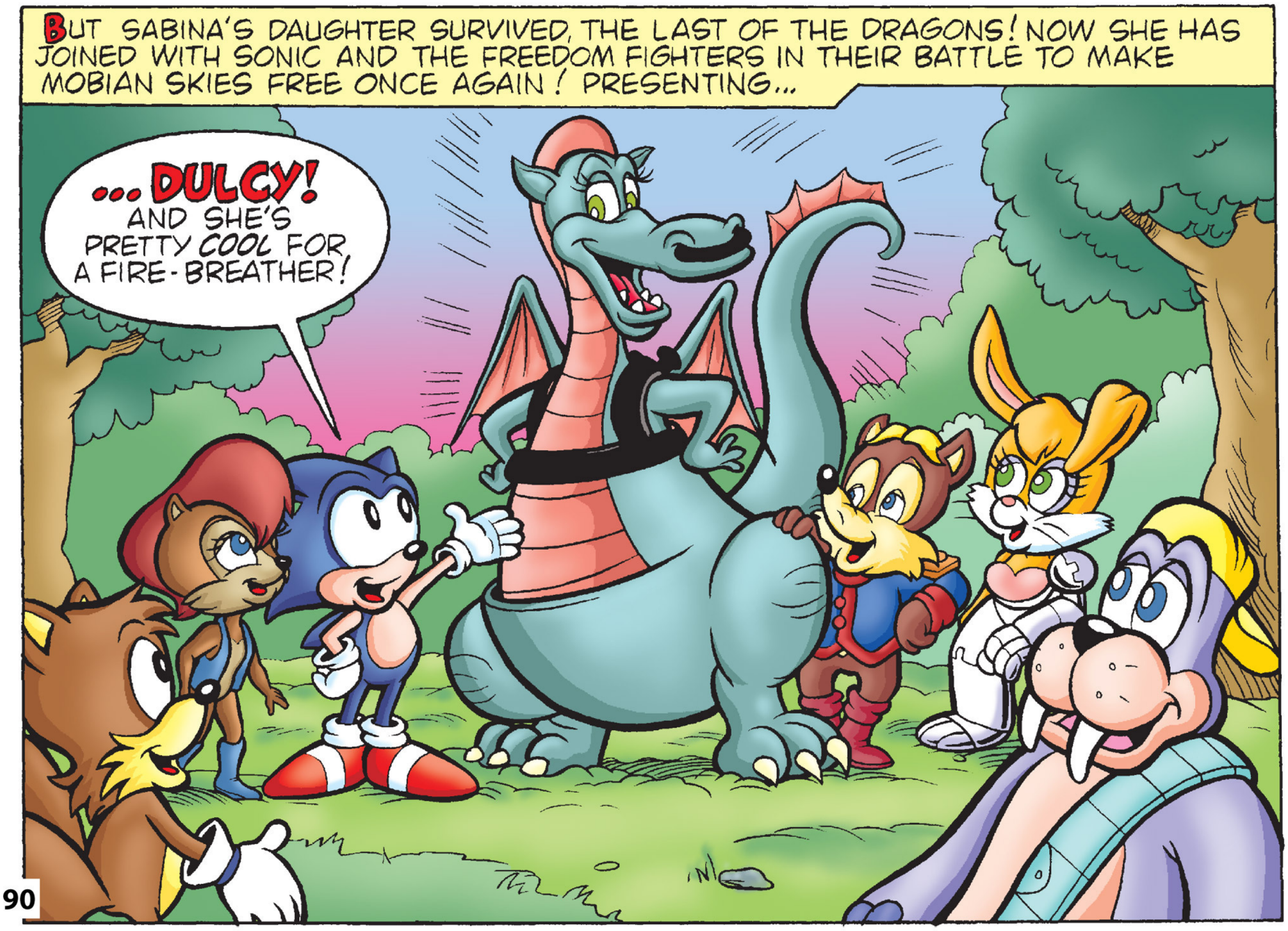
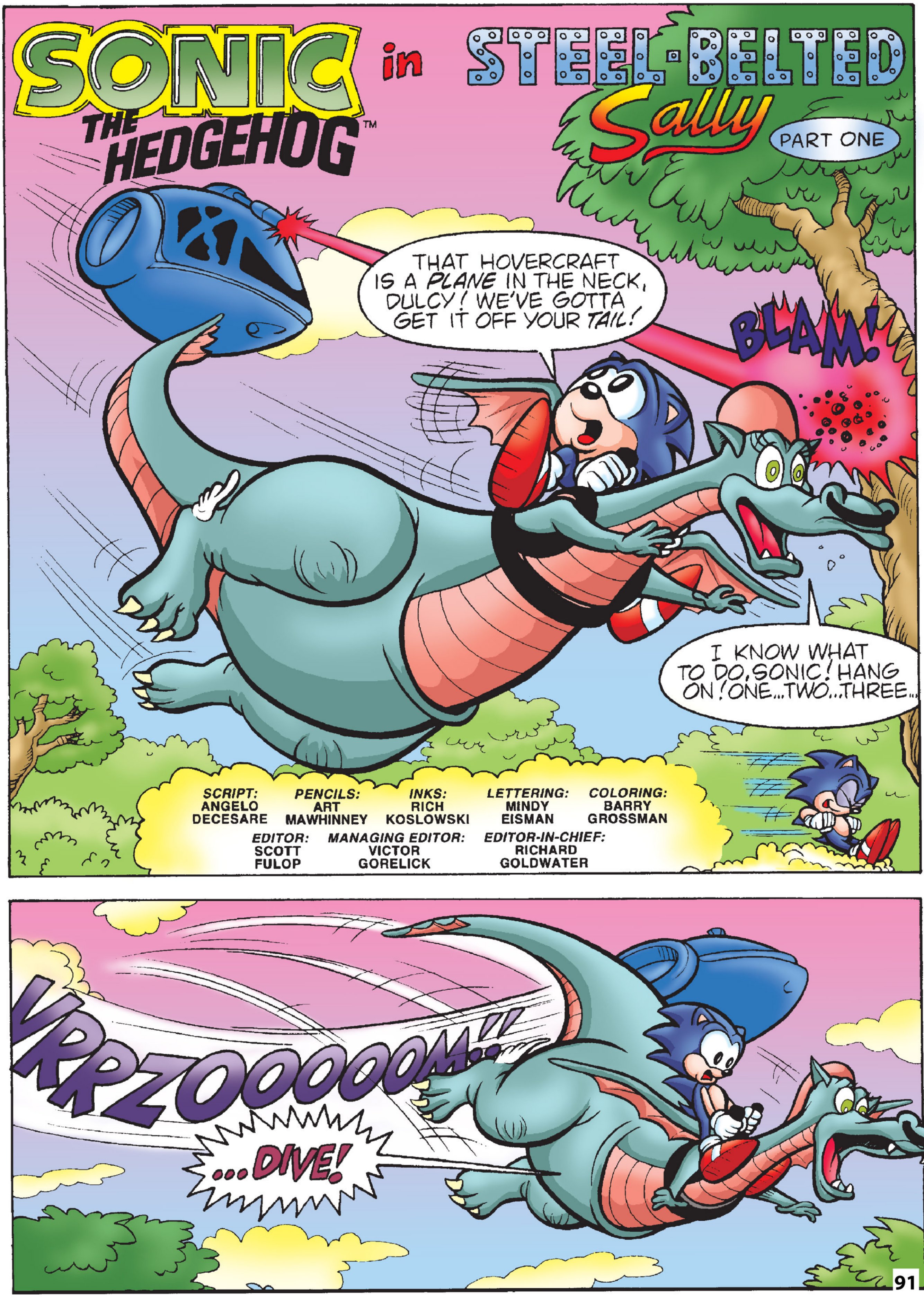

ONCE UPON A TIME, MAJESTIC DRAGONS ROAMED THE SKIES OF MOBIUS, FLYING AND LIVING FREE...


...UNTIL ROBOTNIK CAST HIS EVIL SHADOW UPON THE PLANET AND THE DRAGONS VANISHED ...ALL ROBOTICIZED, INCLUDING ONE NAMED SABINA...


BUT SABINA'S DAUGHTER SURVIVED, THE LAST OF THE DRAGONS! NOW SHE HAS JOINED WITH SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN THEIR BATTLE TO MAKE MOBIAN SKIES FREE ONCE AGAIN! PRESENTING...
...DULCY! AND SHE'S PRETTY COOL FOR A FIRE-BREATHER!


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ in STEEL-BELTED Sally
PART ONE
THAT HOVERCRAFT IS A *PLANE* IN THE NECK, DULCY! WE'VE GOTTA GET IT OFF YOUR *TAIL!*
BLAM!
I KNOW WHAT TO DO, SONIC! HANG ON! ONE...TWO...THREE...
VRRZOOOOOOM!!
...DIVE!

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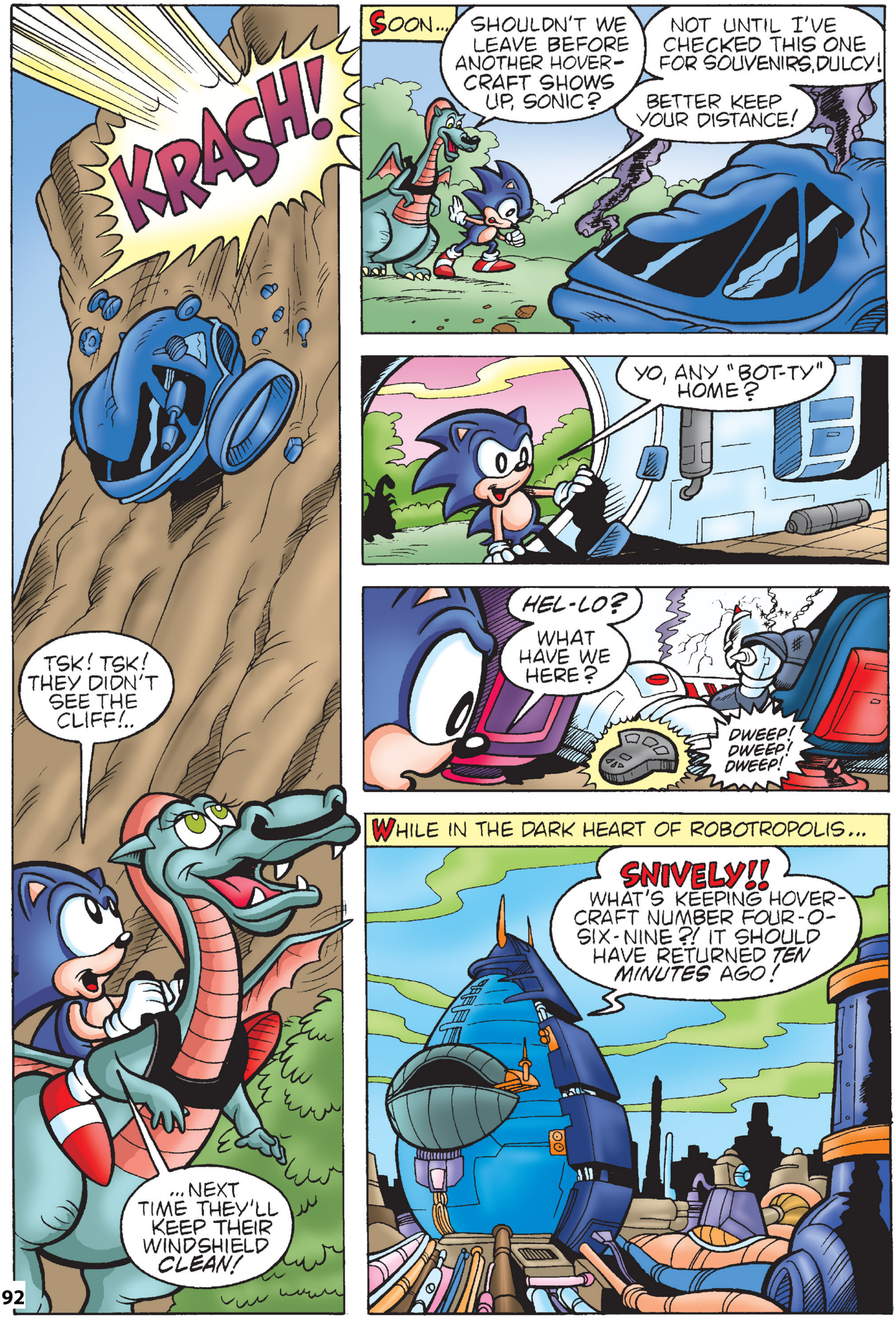
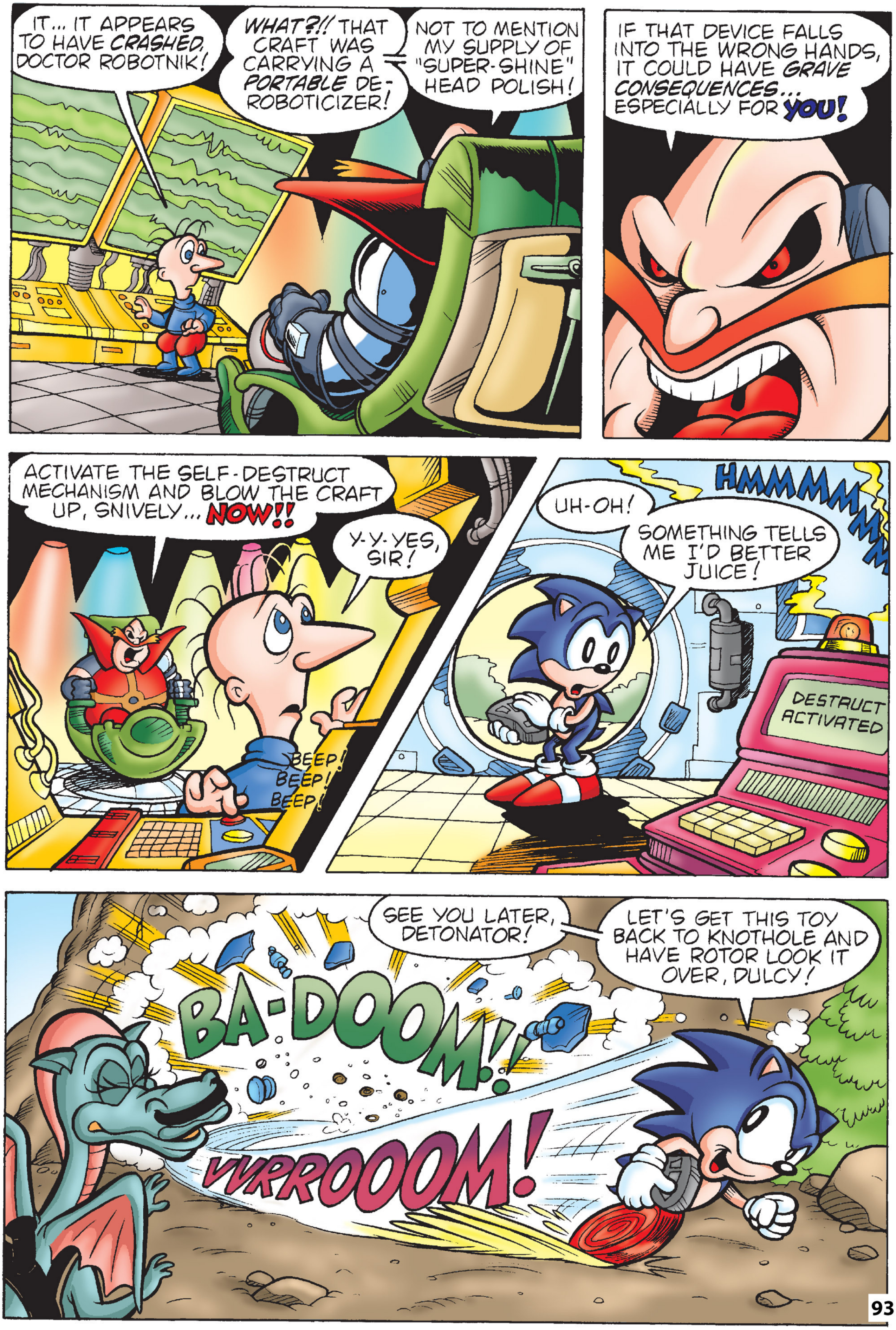
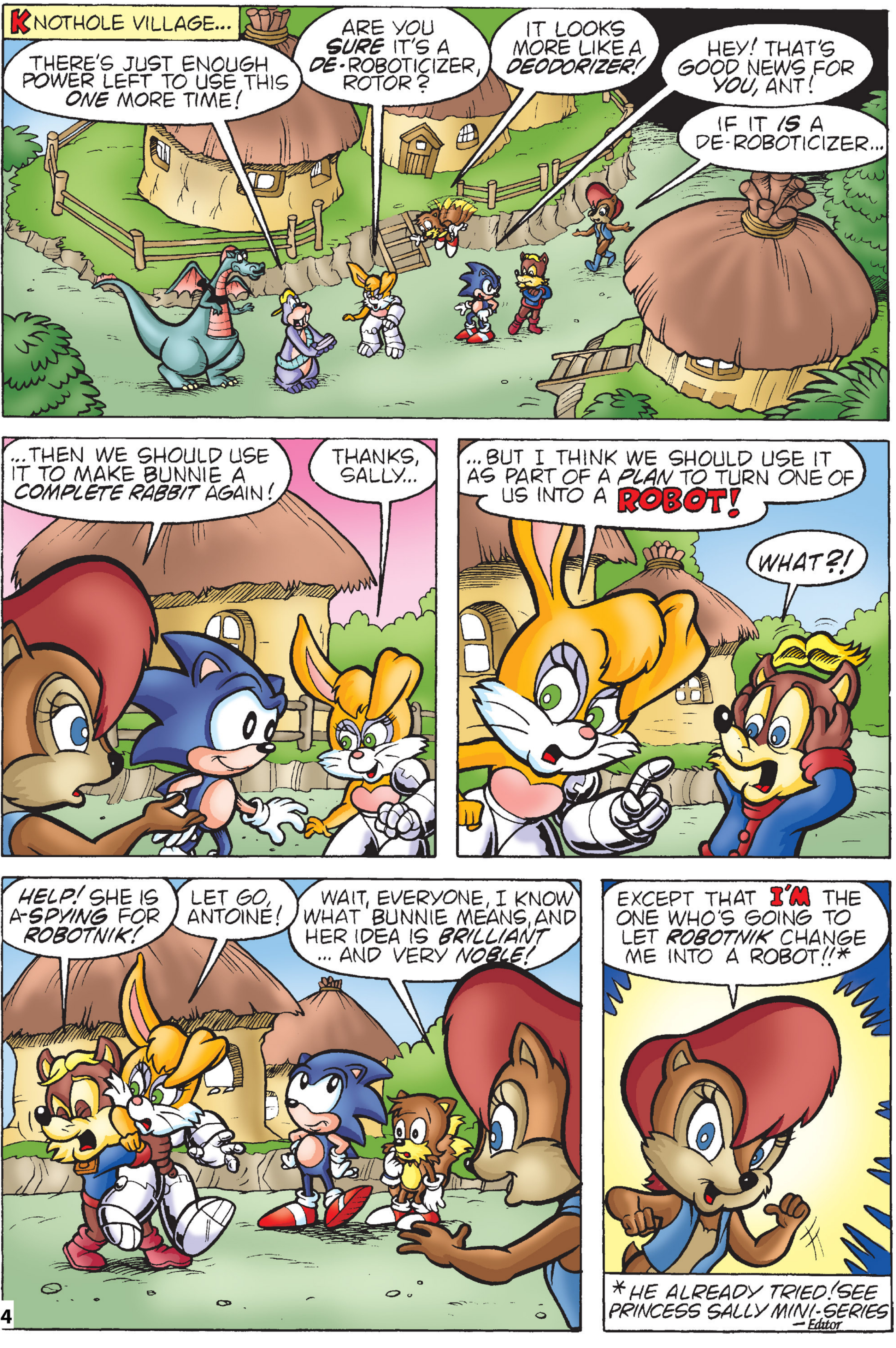
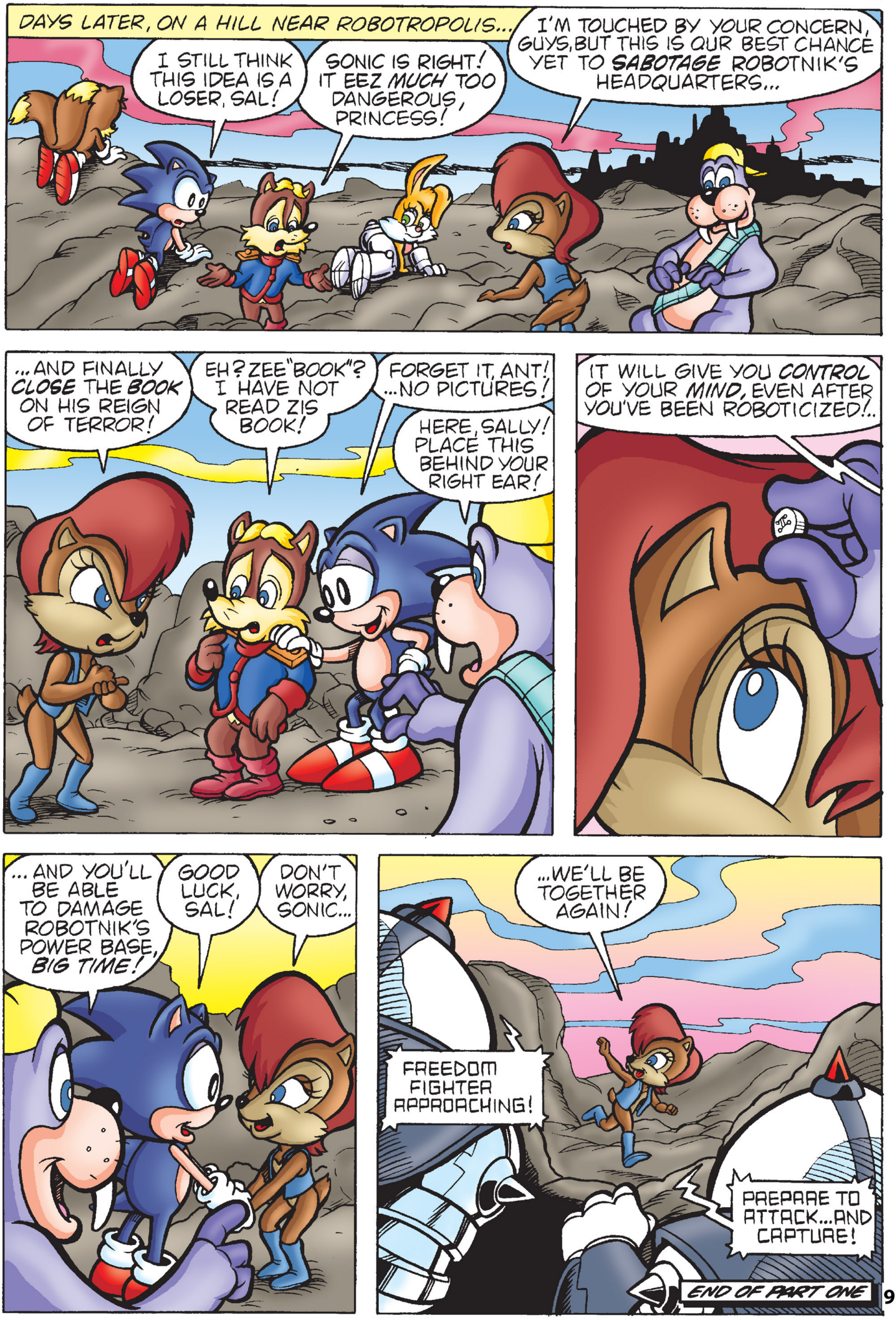

KRASH!
TSK! TSK! THEY DIDN'T SEE THE CLIFF!..
...NEXT TIME THEY'LL KEEP THEIR WINDSHIELD *CLEAN!*
SOON...
SHOULDN'T WE LEAVE BEFORE ANOTHER HOVER-CRAFT SHOWS UP, SONIC?
NOT UNTIL I'VE CHECKED THIS ONE FOR SOUVENIRS, DULCY!
BETTER KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!
YO, ANY "BOT-TY" HOME?
HEL-LO?
WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
DWEEP! DWEEP! DWEEP!
WHILE IN THE DARK HEART OF ROBOTROPOLIS...
SNIVELY!! WHAT'S KEEPING HOVER-CRAFT NUMBER FOUR-O-SIX-NINE?! IT SHOULD HAVE RETURNED *TEN MINUTES* AGO!


IT... IT APPEARS TO HAVE CRASHED, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
WHAT?!! THAT CRAFT WAS CARRYING A PORTABLE DE-ROBOTICIZER!
NOT TO MENTION MY SUPPLY OF "SUPER-SHINE" HEAD POLISH!
IF THAT DEVICE FALLS INTO THE WRONG HANDS, IT COULD HAVE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES... ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!
ACTIVATE THE SELF-DESTRUCT MECHANISM AND BLOW THE CRAFT UP, SNIVELY... NOW!!
Y-Y-YES, SIR!
BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!
HMMMMMMM
UH-OH!
SOMETHING TELLS ME I'D BETTER JUICE!
DESTRUCT ACTIVATED
SEE YOU LATER, DETONATOR!
LET'S GET THIS TOY BACK TO KNOTHOLE AND HAVE ROTOR LOOK IT OVER, DULCY!
BA-DOOM!!
VVRROOOM!


KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...
THERE'S JUST ENOUGH POWER LEFT TO USE THIS *ONE* MORE TIME!
ARE YOU *SURE* IT'S A *DE*-ROBOTICIZER, ROTOR?
IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A *DEODORIZER!*
HEY! THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR *YOU*, ANT!
IF IT *IS* A DE-ROBOTICIZER...
...THEN WE SHOULD USE IT TO MAKE BUNNIE A *COMPLETE RABBIT* AGAIN!
THANKS, SALLY...
...BUT I THINK WE SHOULD USE IT AS PART OF A *PLAN* TO TURN ONE OF US INTO A **ROBOT!**
WHAT?!
HELP! SHE IS A-*SPYING* FOR *ROBOTNIK!*
LET GO, ANTOINE!
WAIT, EVERYONE, I KNOW WHAT BUNNIE MEANS, AND HER IDEA IS *BRILLIANT* ... AND VERY *NOBLE!*
EXCEPT THAT **I'M** THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO LET *ROBOTNIK* CHANGE ME INTO A ROBOT!!*
*HE ALREADY TRIED! SEE PRINCESS SALLY MINI-SERIES — Editor


DAYS LATER, ON A HILL NEAR ROBOTROPOLIS...
I STILL THINK THIS IDEA IS A LOSER, SAL!
SONIC IS RIGHT! IT EEZ *MUCH* TOO DANGEROUS, PRINCESS!
I'M TOUCHED BY YOUR CONCERN, GUYS, BUT THIS IS OUR BEST CHANCE YET TO **SABOTAGE** ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS...
...AND FINALLY ***CLOSE*** THE ***BOOK*** ON HIS REIGN OF TERROR!
EH? ZEE "BOOK"? I HAVE NOT READ ZIS BOOK!
FORGET IT, ANT! ...NO PICTURES!
HERE, SALLY! PLACE THIS BEHIND YOUR RIGHT EAR!
IT WILL GIVE YOU *CONTROL* OF YOUR *MIND*, EVEN AFTER YOU'VE BEEN ROBOTICIZED!..
...AND YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DAMAGE ROBOTNIK'S POWER BASE, *BIG TIME!*
GOOD LUCK, SAL!
DON'T WORRY, SONIC...
...WE'LL BE TOGETHER AGAIN!
FREEDOM FIGHTER APPROACHING!
PREPARE TO ATTACK...AND CAPTURE!
END OF PART ONE

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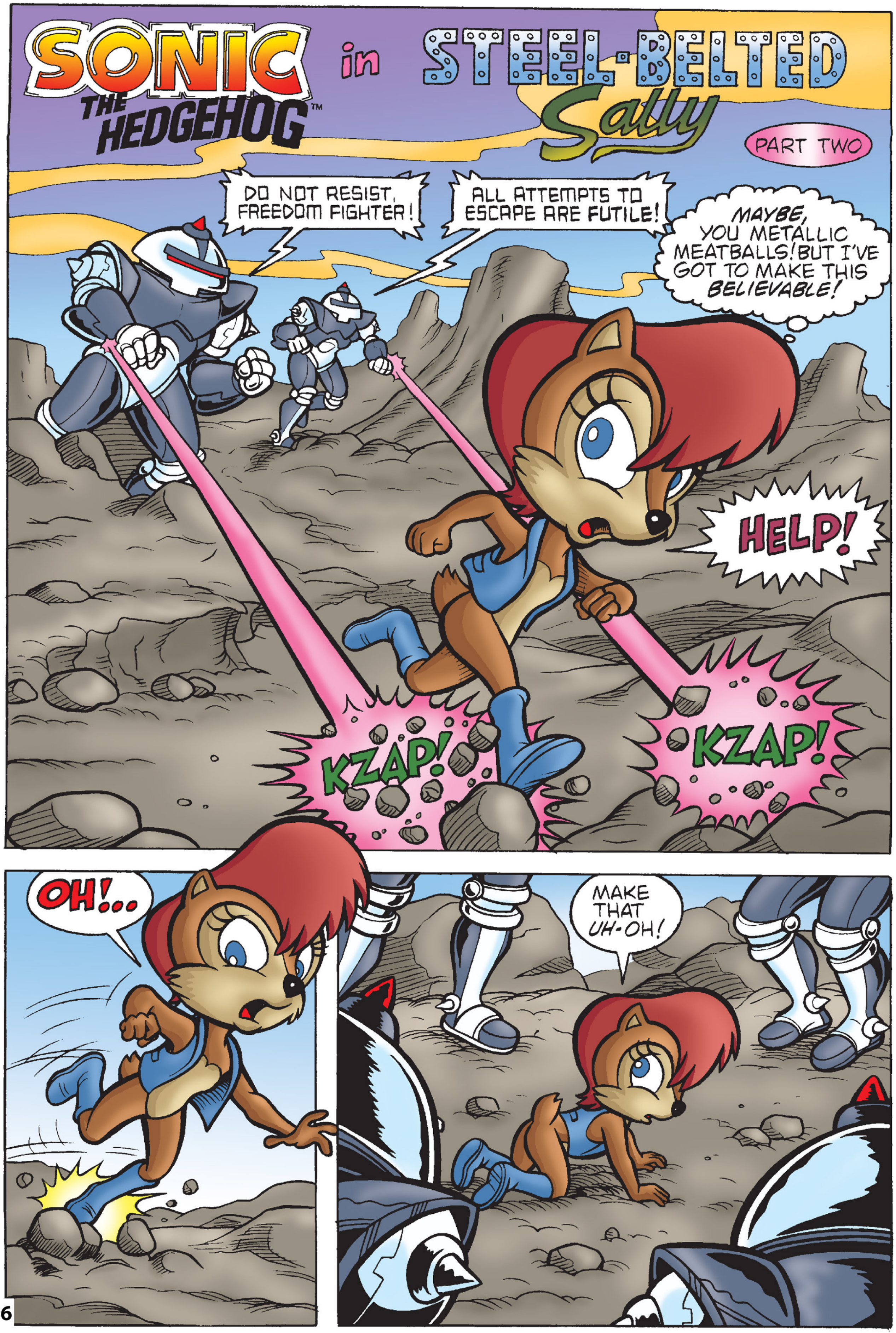
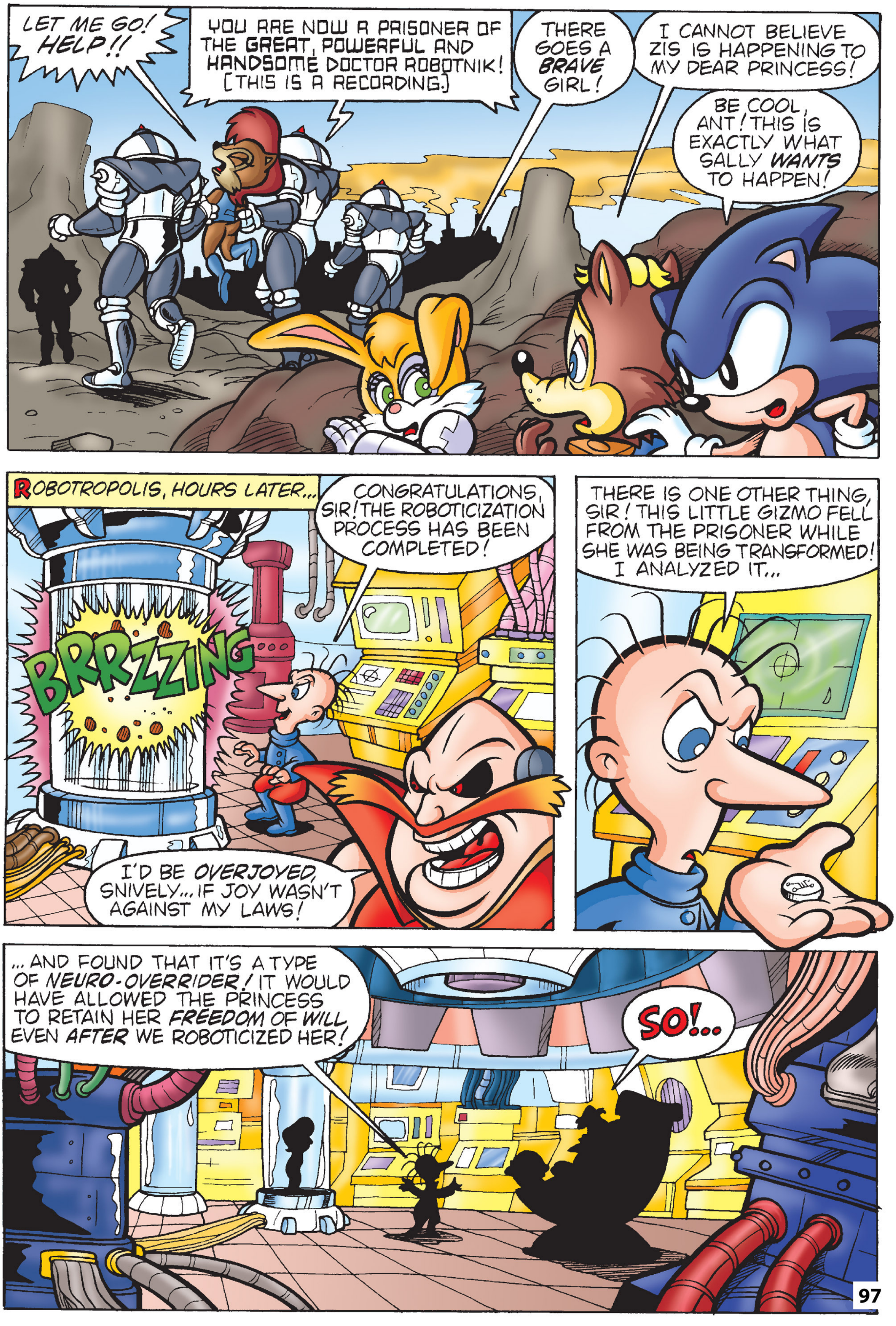
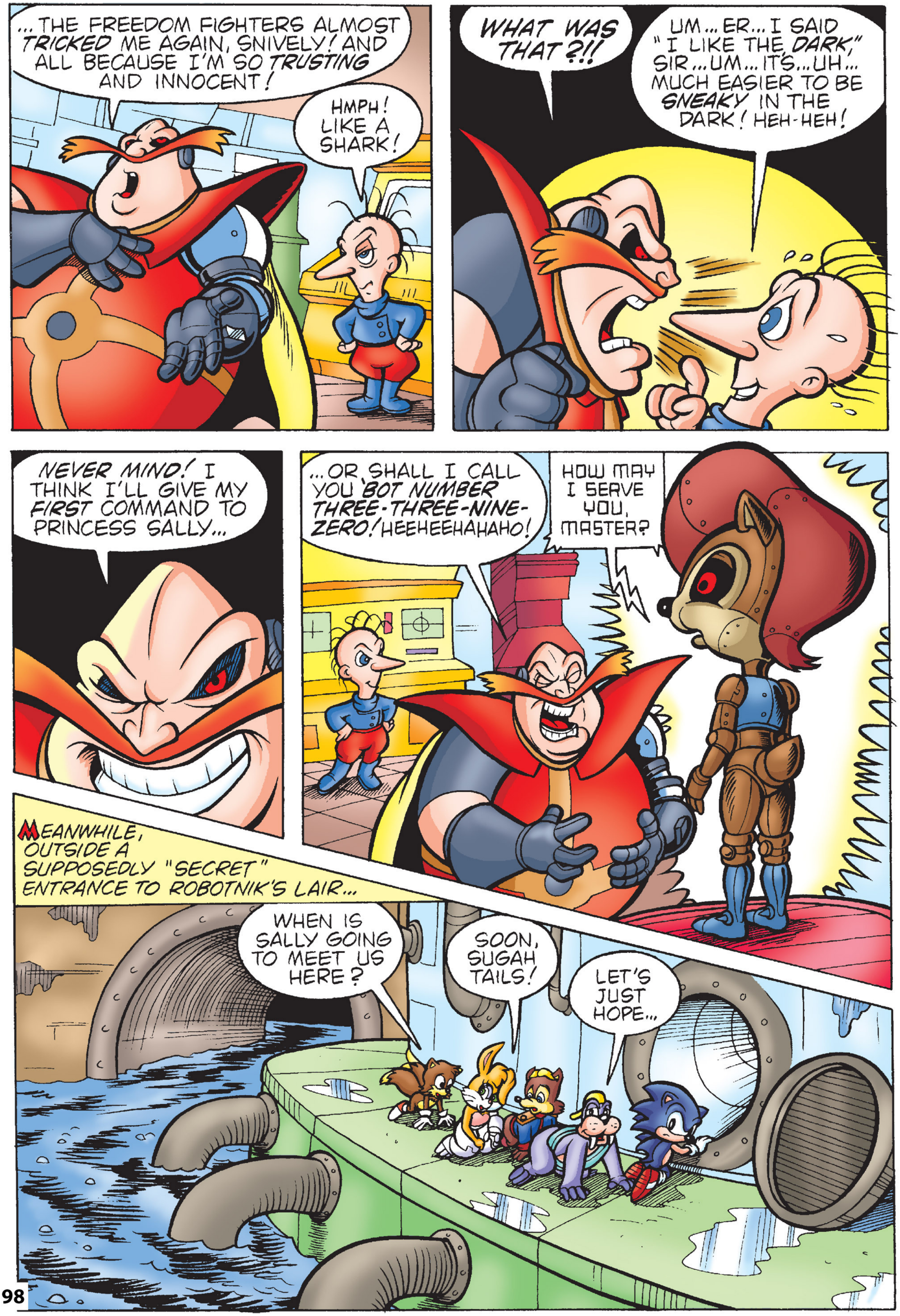
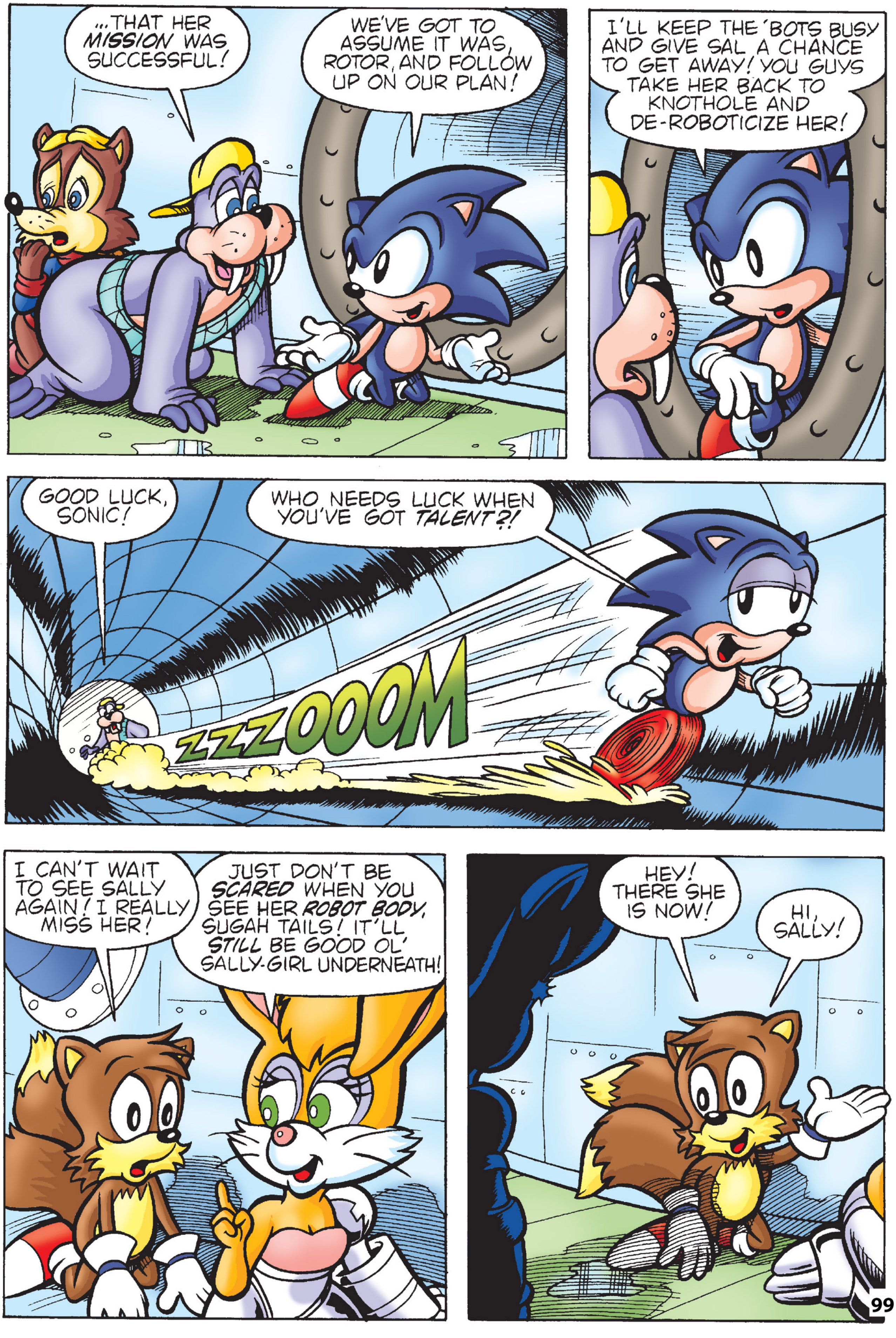
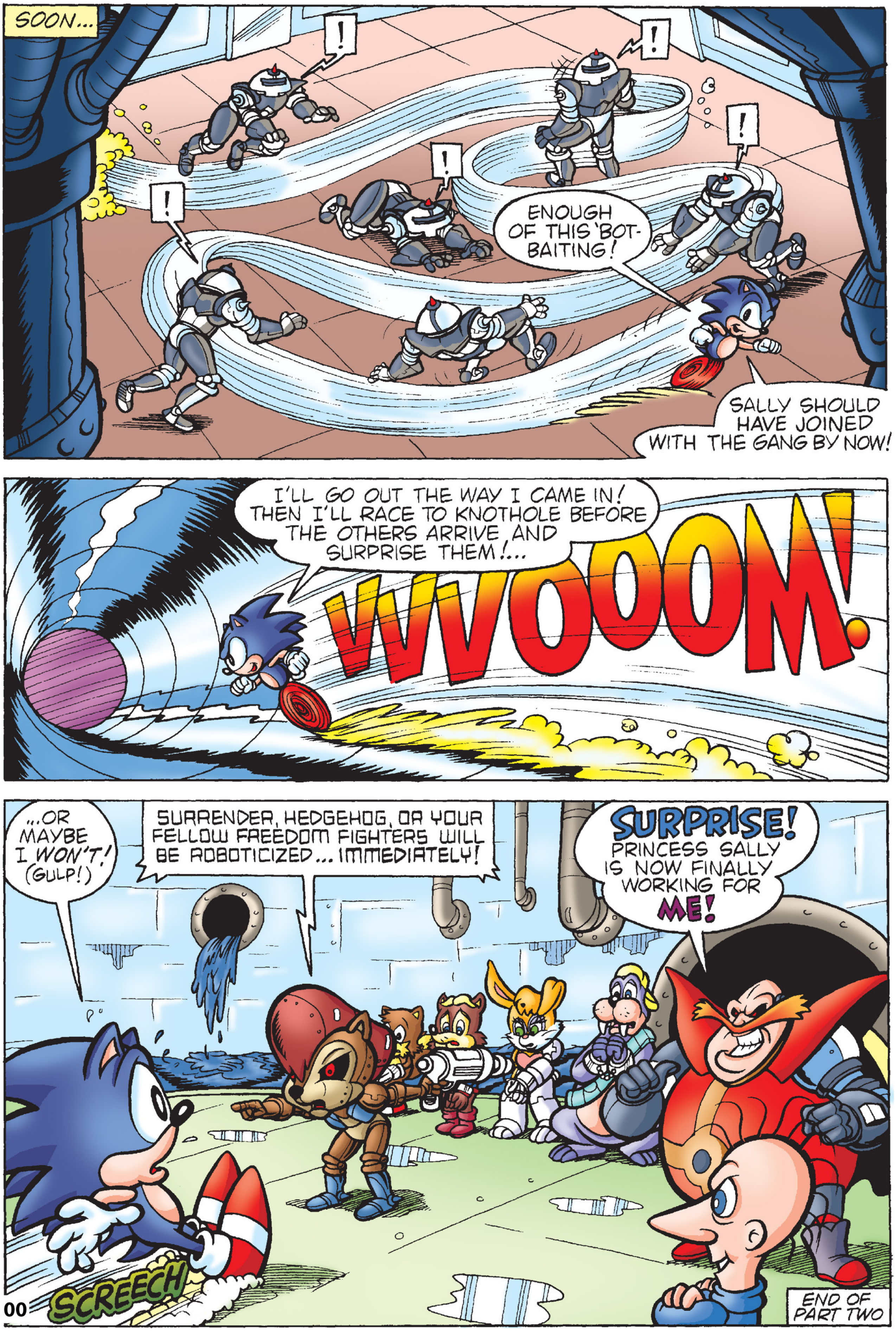
PART TWO


DO NOT RESIST, FREEDOM FIGHTER!
ALL ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE ARE FUTILE!
MAYBE, YOU METALLIC MEATBALLS! BUT I'VE GOT TO MAKE THIS BELIEVABLE!
HELP!
KZAP!
KZAP!
OH!...
MAKE THAT UH-OH!


LET ME GO! *HELP!!*
YOU ARE NOW A PRISONER OF THE **GREAT, POWERFUL** AND **HANDSOME** DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! [THIS IS A RECORDING.]
THERE GOES A *BRAVE* GIRL!
I CANNOT BELIEVE ZIS IS HAPPENING TO MY DEAR PRINCESS!
BE COOL, ANT! THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT SALLY *WANTS* TO HAPPEN!
ROBOTROPOLIS, HOURS LATER...
CONGRATULATIONS, SIR! THE ROBOTICIZATION PROCESS HAS BEEN COMPLETED!
BRRZZING
I'D BE *OVERJOYED*, SNIVELY... IF JOY WASN'T AGAINST MY LAWS!
THERE IS ONE OTHER THING, SIR! THIS LITTLE GIZMO FELL FROM THE PRISONER WHILE SHE WAS BEING TRANSFORMED! I ANALYZED IT...
...AND FOUND THAT IT'S A TYPE OF *NEURO-OVERRIDER!* IT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED THE PRINCESS TO RETAIN HER *FREEDOM* OF *WILL* EVEN *AFTER* WE ROBOTICIZED HER!
SO!..


...THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ALMOST *TRICKED* ME AGAIN, SNIVELY! AND ALL BECAUSE I'M SO *TRUSTING* AND INNOCENT!
HMPH! LIKE A SHARK!
WHAT WAS THAT?!!
UM... ER... I SAID "I LIKE THE *DARK*," SIR... UM... IT'S... UH... MUCH EASIER TO BE *SNEAKY* IN THE DARK! HEH-HEH!
NEVER MIND! I THINK I'LL GIVE MY *FIRST* COMMAND TO PRINCESS SALLY...
...OR, SHALL I CALL YOU *'BOT NUMBER THREE-THREE-NINE-ZERO!* HEEHEEHAHAHO!
HOW MAY I SERVE YOU, MASTER?
MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE A SUPPOSEDLY "SECRET" ENTRANCE TO ROBOTNIK'S LAIR...
WHEN IS SALLY GOING TO MEET US HERE?
SOON, SUGAH TAILS!
LET'S JUST HOPE...


...THAT HER MISSION WAS SUCCESSFUL!
WE'VE GOT TO ASSUME IT WAS, ROTOR, AND FOLLOW UP ON OUR PLAN!
I'LL KEEP THE 'BOTS BUSY AND GIVE SAL A CHANCE TO GET AWAY! YOU GUYS TAKE HER BACK TO KNOTHOLE AND DE-ROBOTICIZE HER!
GOOD LUCK, SONIC!
WHO NEEDS LUCK WHEN YOU'VE GOT TALENT?!
ZZZOOOM
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE SALLY AGAIN! I REALLY MISS HER!
JUST DON'T BE SCARED WHEN YOU SEE HER ROBOT BODY, SUGAH TAILS! IT'LL STILL BE GOOD OL' SALLY-GIRL UNDERNEATH!
HEY! THERE SHE IS NOW!
HI, SALLY!


SOON...
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!
ENOUGH OF THIS 'BOT-BAITING!
SALLY SHOULD HAVE JOINED WITH THE GANG BY NOW!
I'LL GO OUT THE WAY I CAME IN! THEN I'LL RACE TO KNOTHOLE BEFORE THE OTHERS ARRIVE AND SURPRISE THEM!...
VVVOOOM!
...OR MAYBE I *WON'T*! (GULP!)
SURRENDER, HEDGEHOG, OR YOUR FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL BE ROBOTICIZED... IMMEDIATELY!
SURPRISE! PRINCESS SALLY IS NOW FINALLY WORKING FOR ME!
SCREECH
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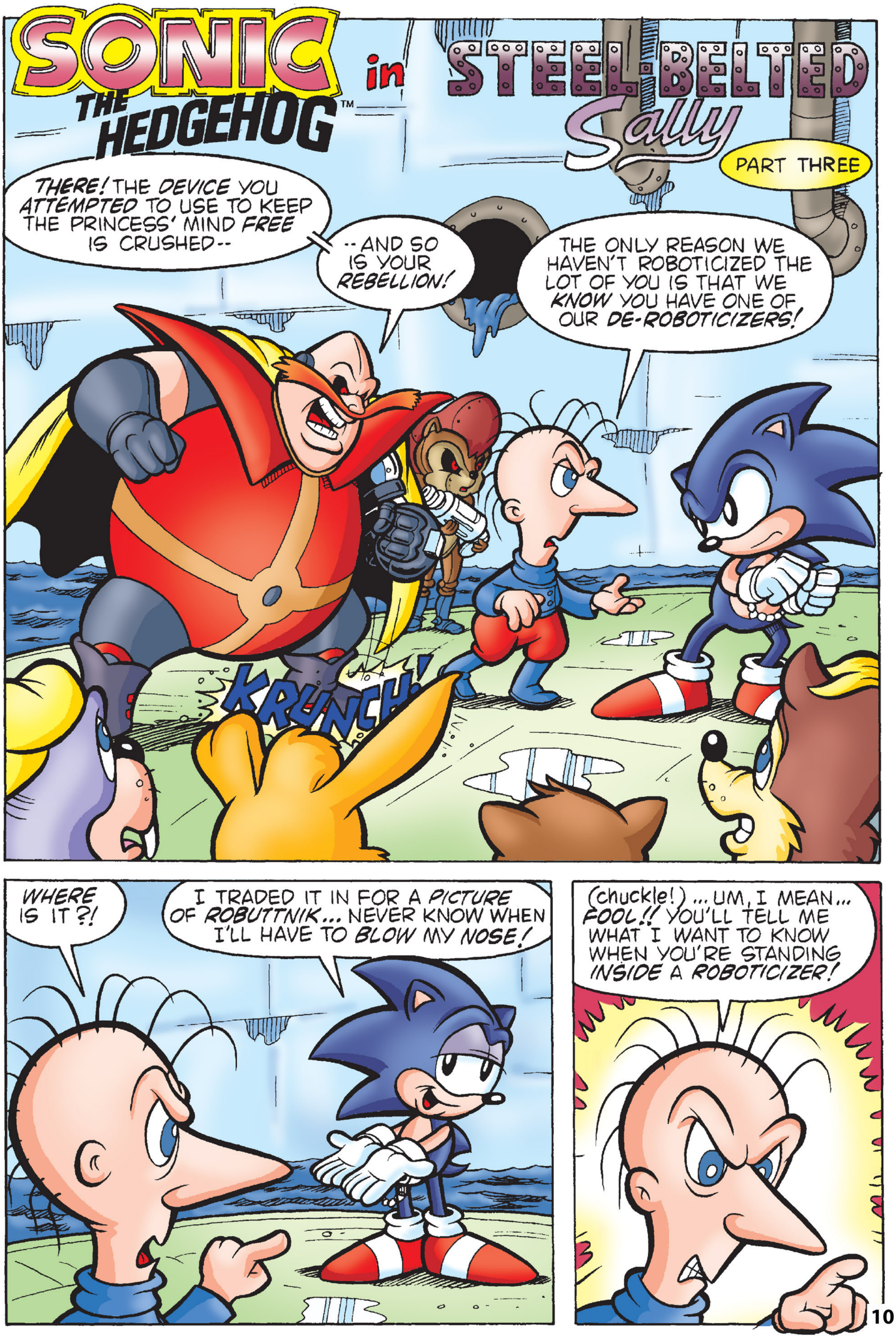
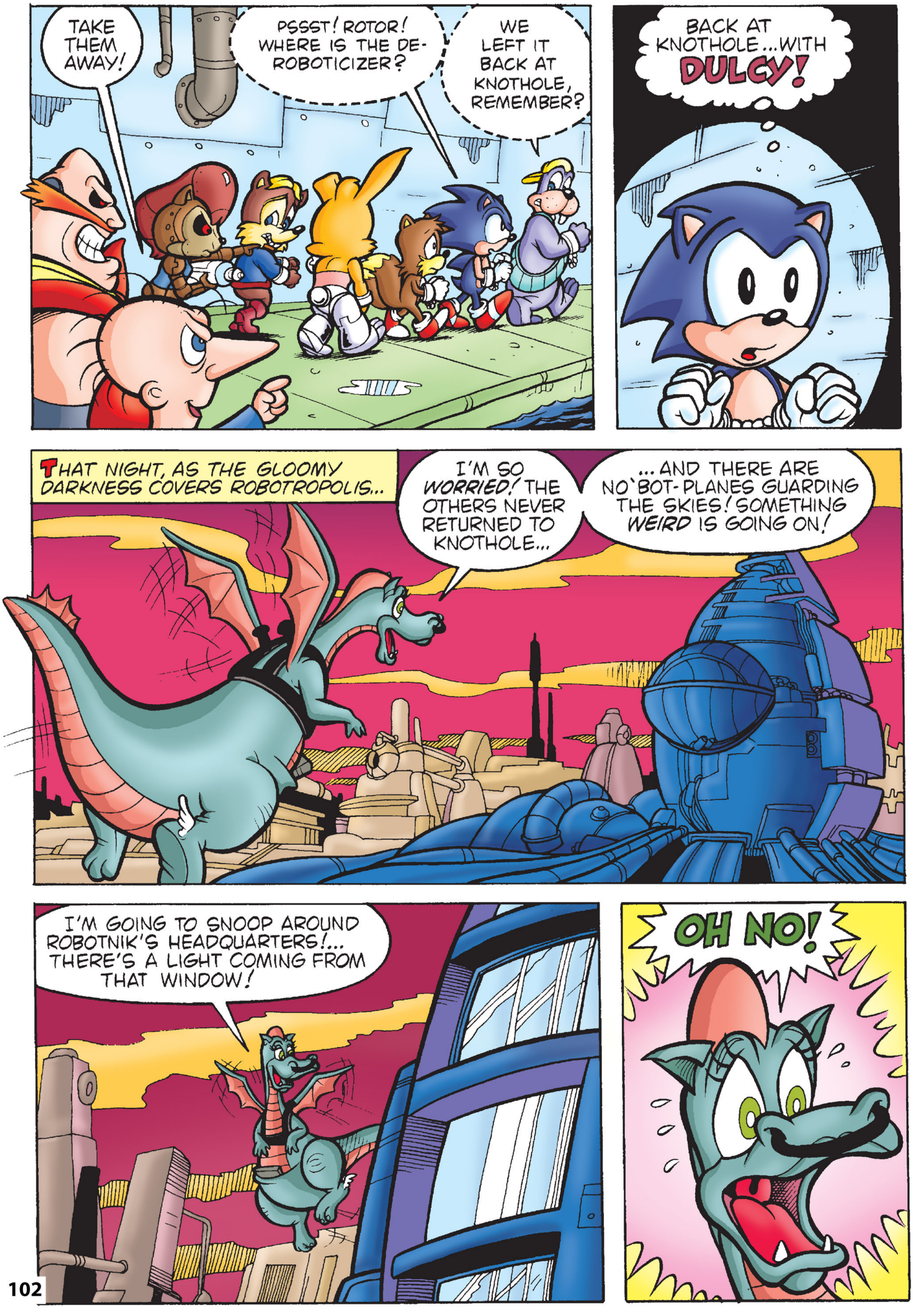
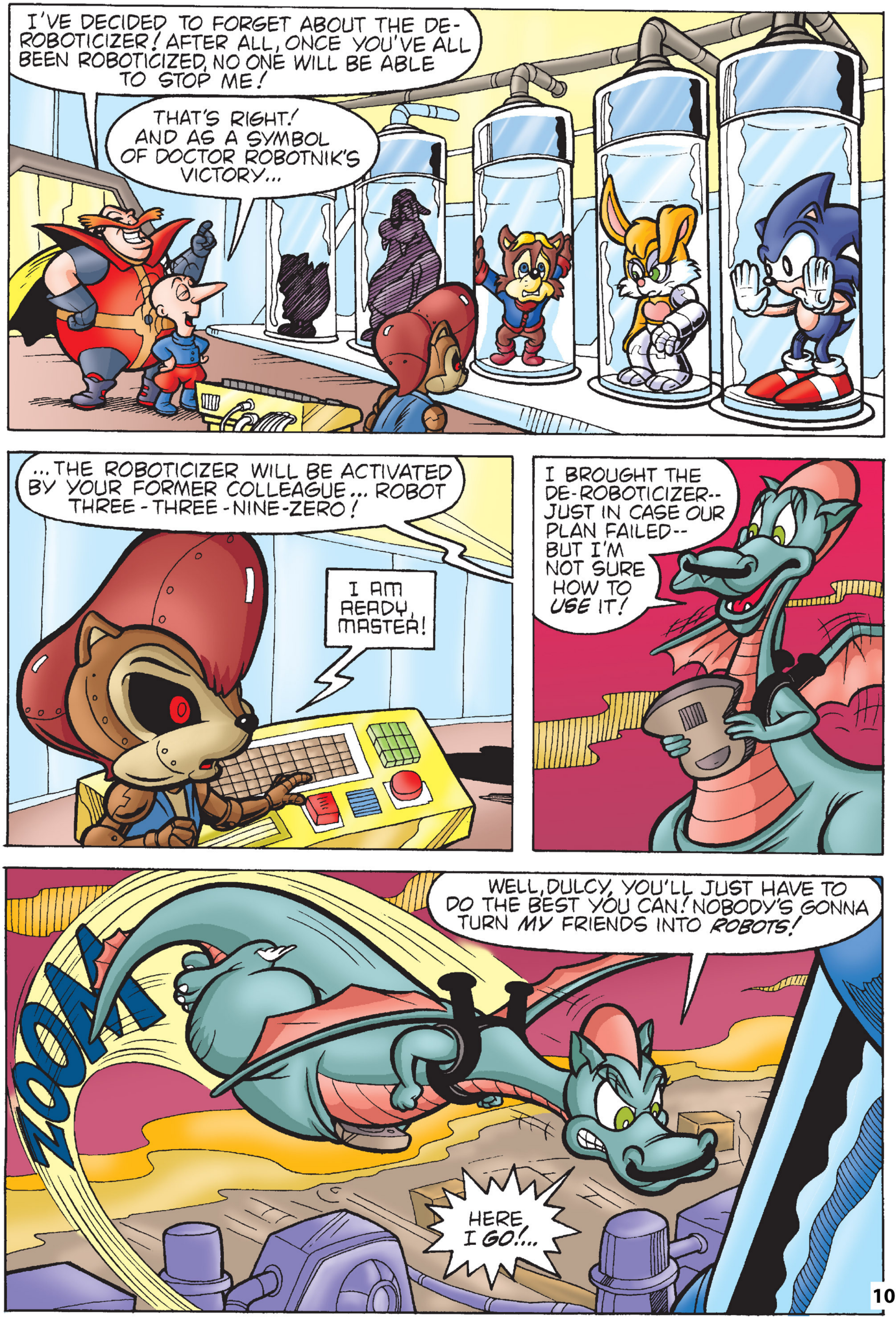
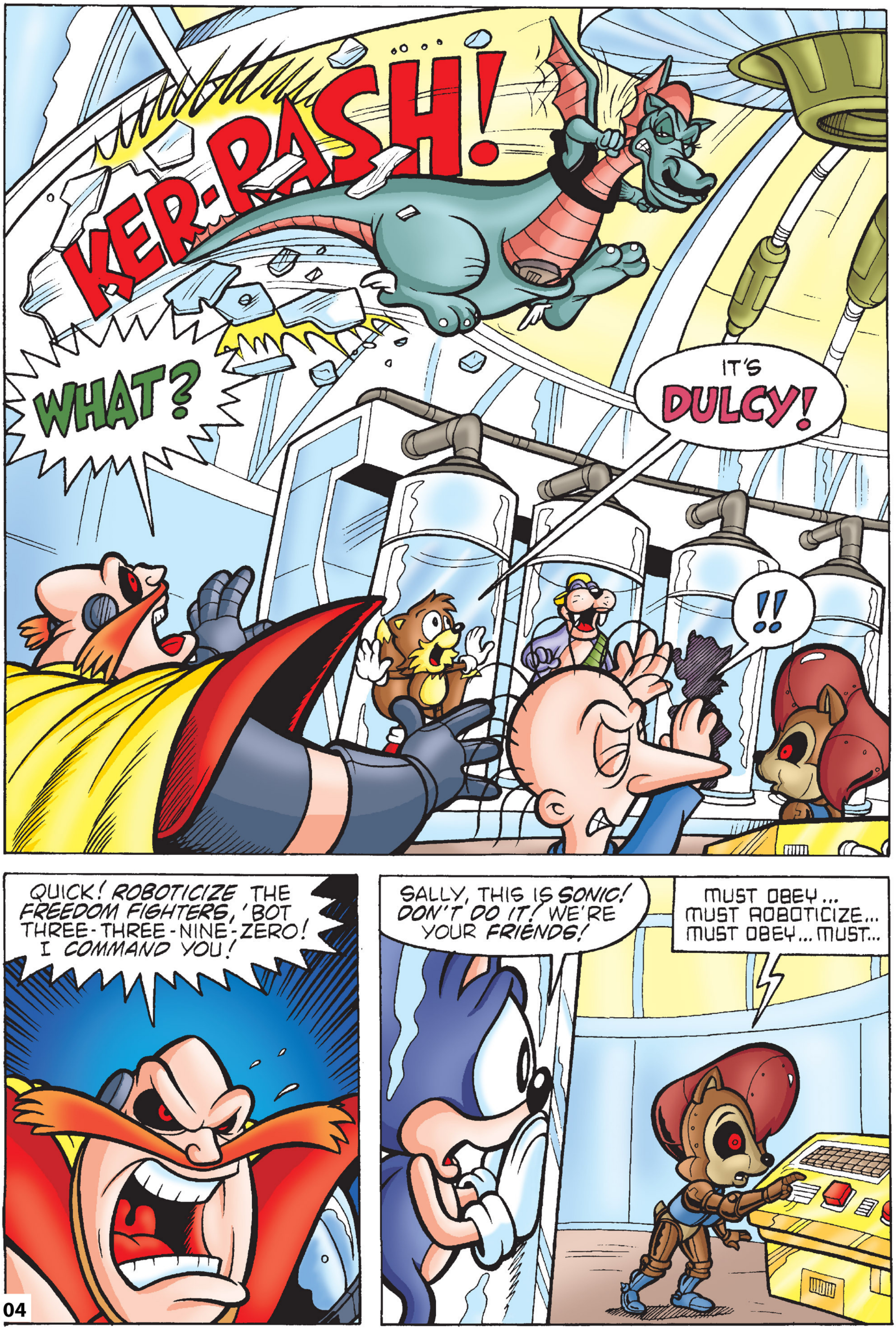
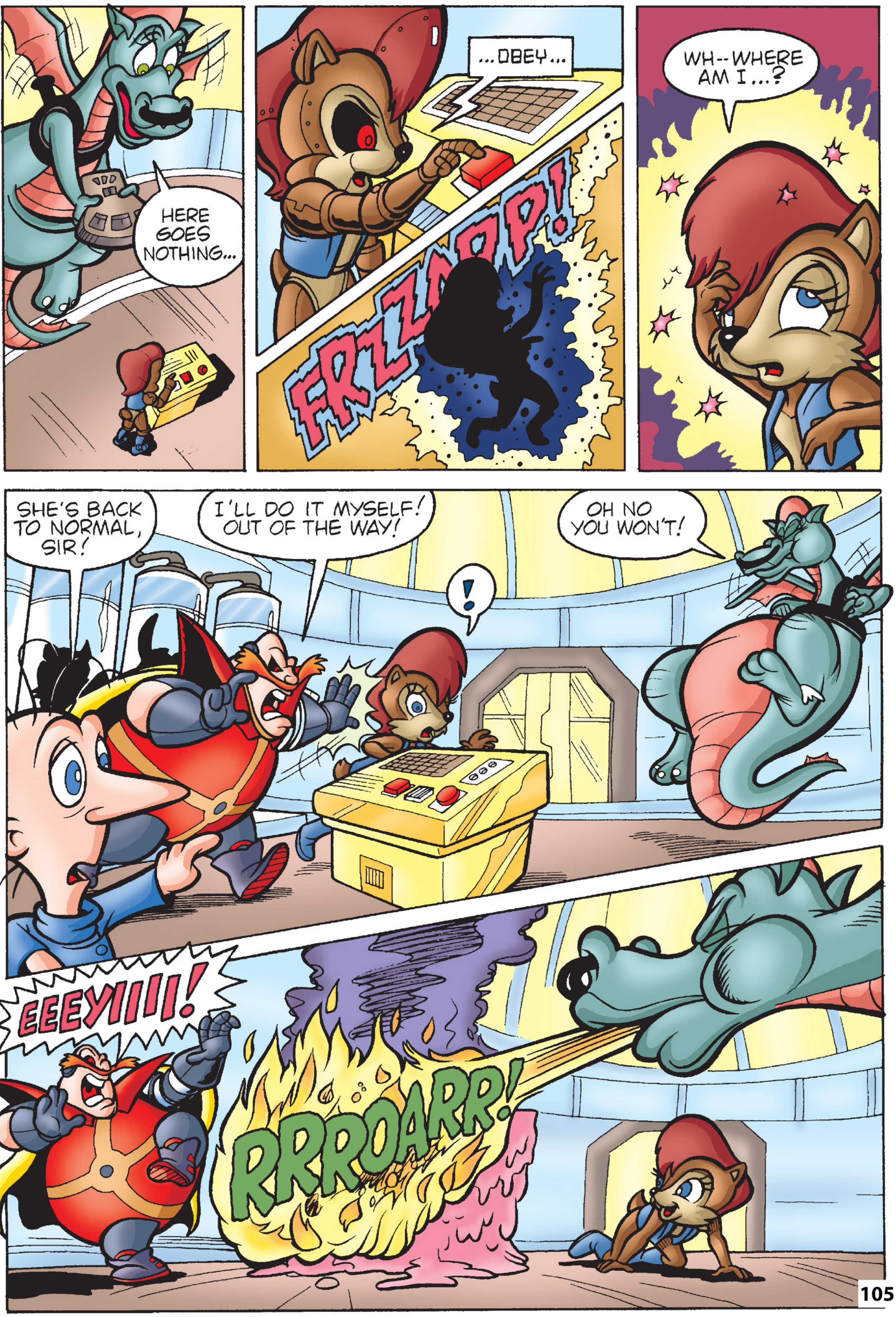
PART THREE

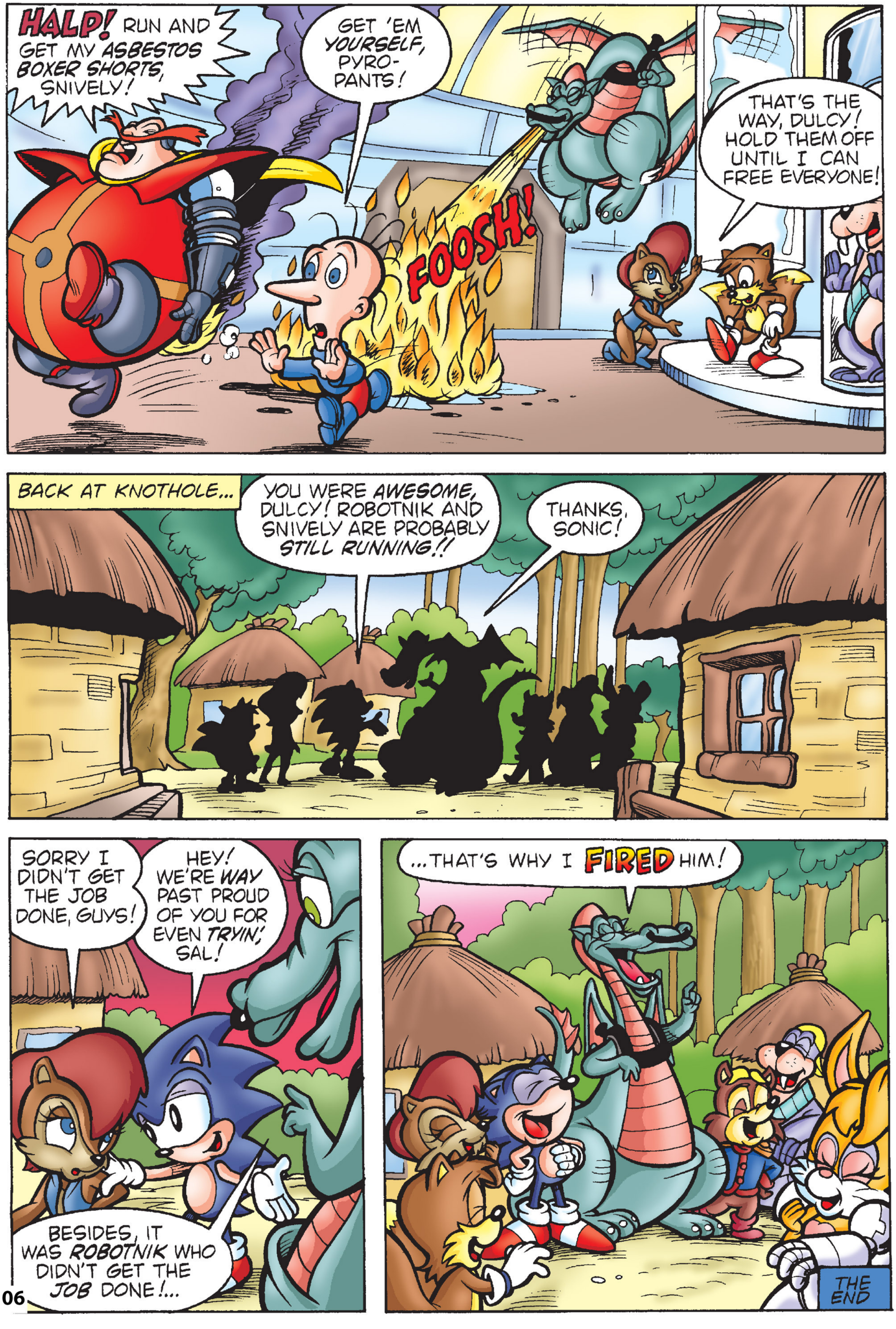

THERE! THE DEVICE YOU ATTEMPTED TO USE TO KEEP THE PRINCESS' MIND FREE IS CRUSHED--
--AND SO IS YOUR REBELLION!
THE ONLY REASON WE HAVEN'T ROBOTICIZED THE LOT OF YOU IS THAT WE KNOW YOU HAVE ONE OF OUR DE-ROBOTICIZERS!
KRUNCH!
WHERE IS IT?!
I TRADED IT IN FOR A PICTURE OF ROBUTTNIK... NEVER KNOW WHEN I'LL HAVE TO BLOW MY NOSE!
(chuckle!) ...UM, I MEAN... FOOL!! YOU'LL TELL ME WHAT I WANT TO KNOW WHEN YOU'RE STANDING INSIDE A ROBOTICIZER!


TAKE THEM AWAY!
PSSST! ROTOR! WHERE IS THE DE-ROBOTICIZER?
WE LEFT IT BACK AT KNOTHOLE, REMEMBER?
BACK AT KNOTHOLE...WITH DULCY!
THAT NIGHT, AS THE GLOOMY DARKNESS COVERS ROBOTROPOLIS...
I'M SO WORRIED! THE OTHERS NEVER RETURNED TO KNOTHOLE...
...AND THERE ARE NO 'BOT-PLANES GUARDING THE SKIES! SOMETHING WEIRD IS GOING ON!
I'M GOING TO SNOOP AROUND ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS!... THERE'S A LIGHT COMING FROM THAT WINDOW!
OH NO!


I'VE DECIDED TO FORGET ABOUT THE DE-ROBOTICIZER! AFTER ALL, ONCE YOU'VE ALL BEEN ROBOTICIZED, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO STOP ME!
THAT'S RIGHT! AND AS A SYMBOL OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S VICTORY...
...THE ROBOTICIZER WILL BE ACTIVATED BY YOUR FORMER COLLEAGUE... ROBOT THREE-THREE-NINE-ZERO!
I AM READY, MASTER!
I BROUGHT THE DE-ROBOTICIZER-- JUST IN CASE OUR PLAN FAILED-- BUT I'M NOT SURE HOW TO *USE* IT!
WELL, DULCY, YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO DO THE BEST YOU CAN! NOBODY'S GONNA TURN *MY* FRIENDS INTO *ROBOTS*!
ZOOM
HERE I *GO*!...


KER-RASH!
WHAT?
IT'S DULCY!
!!
QUICK! ROBOTICIZE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, 'BOT THREE-THREE-NINE-ZERO! I COMMAND YOU!
SALLY, THIS IS SONIC! DON'T DO IT! WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS!
MUST OBEY ... MUST ROBOTICIZE... MUST OBEY... MUST...


HERE GOES NOTHING...
...OBEY...
FRZZZAPP!
WH--WHERE AM I...?
SHE'S BACK TO NORMAL, SIR!
I'LL DO IT MYSELF! OUT OF THE WAY!
!
OH NO YOU WON'T!
EEEYIIII!
RRROARR!


HALP! RUN AND GET MY ASBESTOS BOXER SHORTS, SNIVELY!
GET 'EM YOURSELF, PYRO-PANTS!
FOOSH!
THAT'S THE WAY, DULCY! HOLD THEM OFF UNTIL I CAN FREE EVERYONE!
BACK AT KNOTHOLE...
YOU WERE AWESOME, DULCY! ROBOTNIK AND SNIVELY ARE PROBABLY STILL RUNNING!!
THANKS, SONIC!
SORRY I DIDN'T GET THE JOB DONE, GUYS!
HEY! WE'RE WAY PAST PROUD OF YOU FOR EVEN TRYIN', SAL!
BESIDES, IT WAS ROBOTNIK WHO DIDN'T GET THE JOB DONE!...
...THAT'S WHY I FIRED HIM!
THE END

SONIC SUPER SPECIAL WHO'S WHO:

Welcome to a brief who's who of the Sonic comic Universe! We thought you'd like to learn a little extra about the main cast of the Sonic comics crew!

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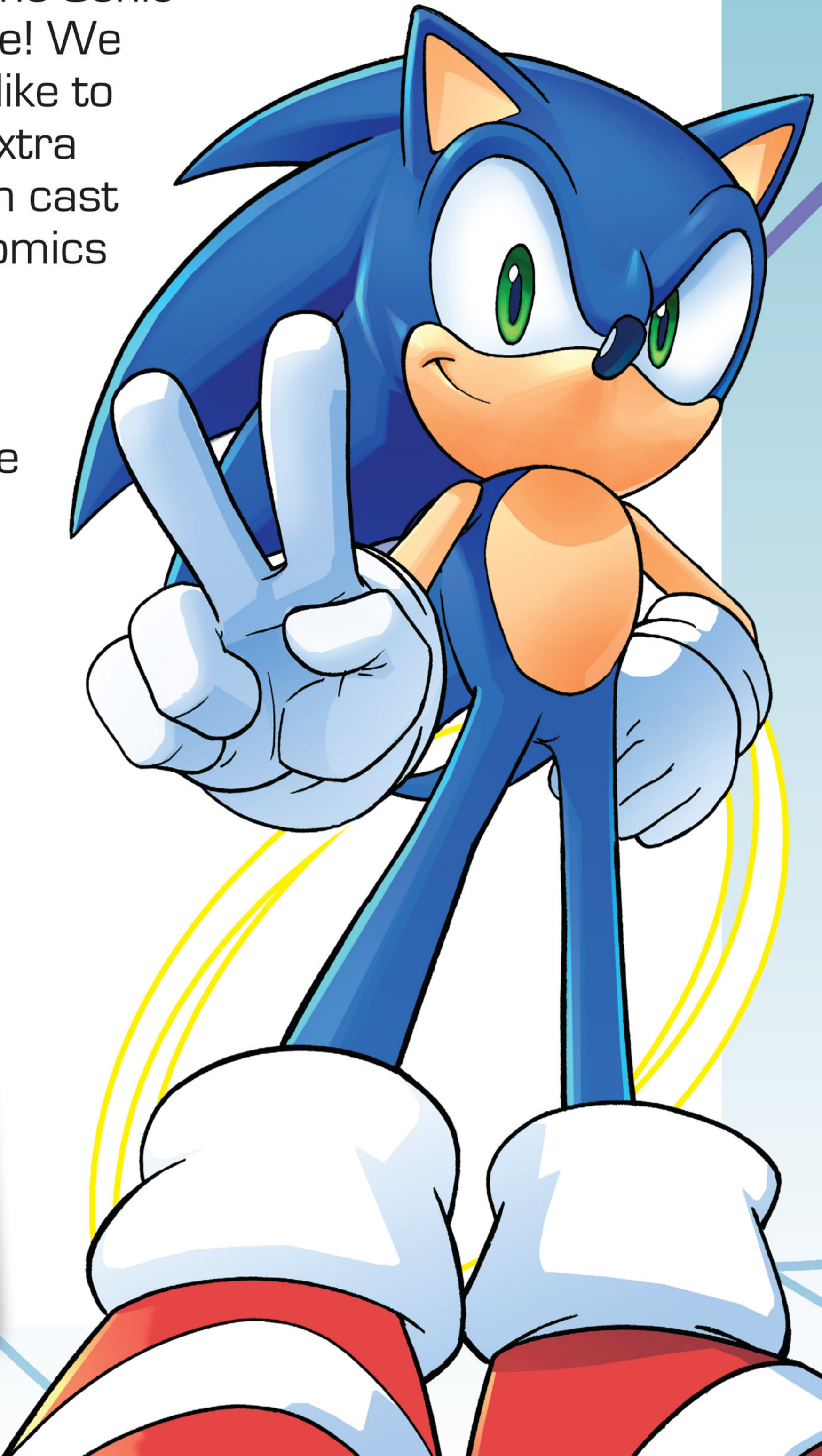

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PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance:

Sonic the Hedgehog #0

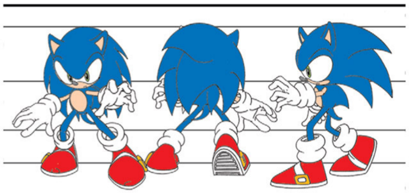
Abilities:

Super Speed – Able to achieve upwards of Mach 1 on his own.

Figure-Eight Peel-Out – Sonic's legs spin like an "8" and he rockets off at super speed. His feet move so fast, he can hover in the air briefly.

Spin Dash – Sonic homes in on his target while curled into a concussive ball or cutting disk.

Super Sonic – With seven Chaos Emeralds (or equivalent power), Sonic turns gold, invulnerable, and all his nature skills increase exponentially.

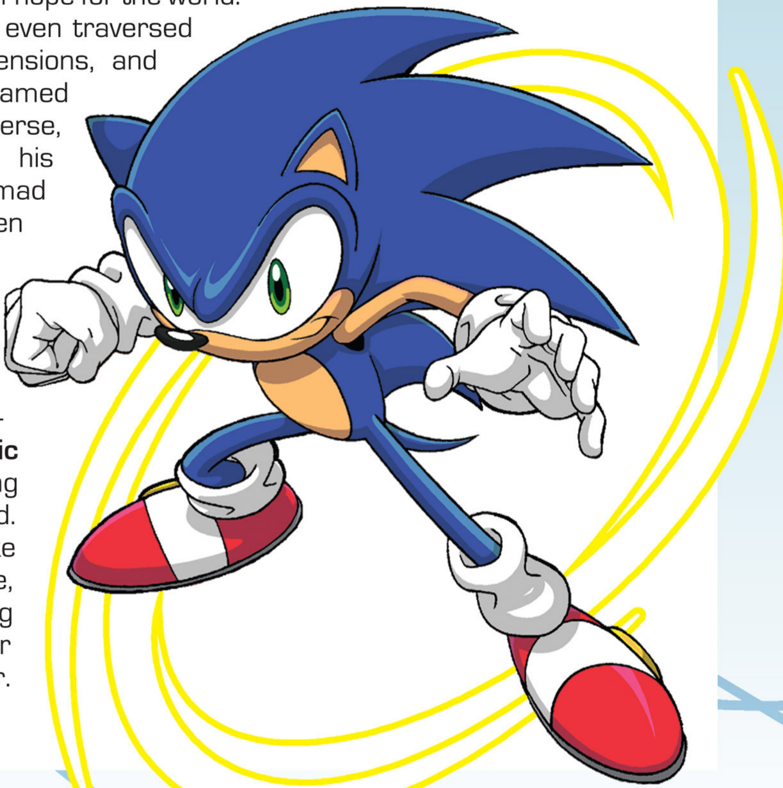


Sonic was born during the **Great War** and was originally named after his grandfathers (he later had his name legally changed to "Sonic" with no offense meant to his forebears). While very young, he lost his parents to the first clandestine roboticization experiments. He was taken in by his uncle, **Sir Charles Hedgehog**, and after **Dr. Robotnik's** takeover, briefly played delivery boy for his uncle's chilidog stand while spending time in **Knothole**.

Tragedy struck when Uncle Chuck was captured by Dr. Robotnik's forces and roboticized. From there, Sonic threw his full support behind the **Freedom Fighters** and fought to liberate the kingdom. Sonic playfully took on Dr. Robotnik's first few generations of **badniks**, growing in skill until, by his mid-teens, he was a true threat to Dr. Robotnik's forces.

Sonic has always been at odds with his nature: arrogant on the one hand, but unwavering in his heroism on the other. These traits were what both endeared and frustrated his first love, **Sally Acorn**.

Sonic has become a beacon of hope for the world. He's traveled the globe, and even traversed outer space, alternate dimensions, and time itself. He has been named the chosen hero of the multiverse, having over the course of his adventures faced down mad scientists, evil wizards, and even gods with a smirk and a laugh.



While having lost his knighthood due to a past mistake, Sonic currently holds the rank of "Gentleman-at-Arms" within the **Republic of Acorn**. He declined having his knighthood reinstated. Sonic continues to take life with a breezy attitude, having fun whether taking on the forces of evil, or kicking back with his guitar.

TAILS

MILES “TAILS” PROWER

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance:
Sonic the Hedgehog #0

Abilities:
Flight – By spinning his twin tails, Tails can fly or otherwise propel himself fast enough to keep pace with Sonic.
Genius – Tails is remarkably brilliant with machinery and has a strong intuition about magic.

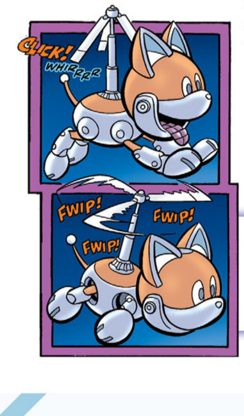
Miles Prower was born to **Amadeus** and **Rosemary Prower** the day of **Dr. Robotnik’s** takeover of **Old Mobotropolis**. He was spirited away to **Knothole**, where he was looked after by **Rosie Woodchuck**. Startlingly intuitive at his very young age, Miles latched onto the charismatic **Sonic the Hedgehog** and dreamed of becoming a **Freedom Fighter**.

Miles earned the nickname “Tails” from his mutation: a pair of tails. While these appendages could propel him nearly as fast as Sonic, Tails found himself left behind by his would-be comrades. In an attempt to quickly rise into their ranks, he ate the fruit from the **Tree of Wisdom**. He gained a brief period of genius, and while most of it faded within a day, it did seem to bolster his already considerable intuition.

Tails eventually earned his position among the Freedom Fighters as both a warrior, like Sonic, but also as an inventor, like **Rotor**. Tails has many creations to his name, namely the **Tornado** and later revisions of the **Sea Fox**, and has filled Rotor’s role since the latter’s retirement from the team.

Tails’s long-estranged uncle, **Merlin Prower**, also guided him from behind the scenes to discover much of his mystical potential. Tails has been enigmatically entitled the “Chosen One,” the one prophesized to bring about the “Great Harmony.” Tails believed he had achieved this a couple times over, but his true destiny has proven elusive.

Tails has grown from Sonic’s starry-eyed side-kick to his trusted companion. Full of heroic spirit and an ever-growing confidence, Tails is just beginning to follow his own adventurous path!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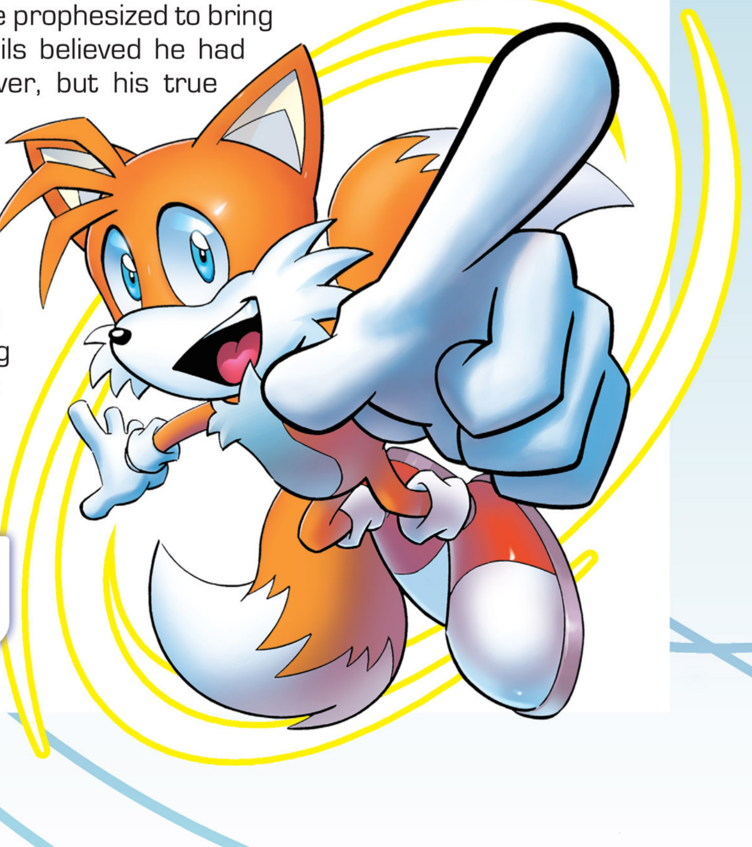
TAILS’S ROBOT, T-PUP, TAKES FLIGHT



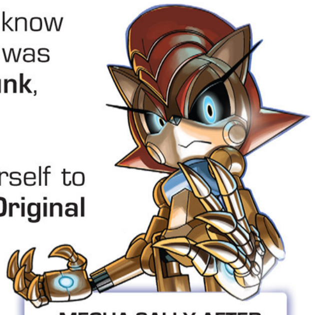
PRINCESS Sally

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance:
Sonic the Hedgehog #0

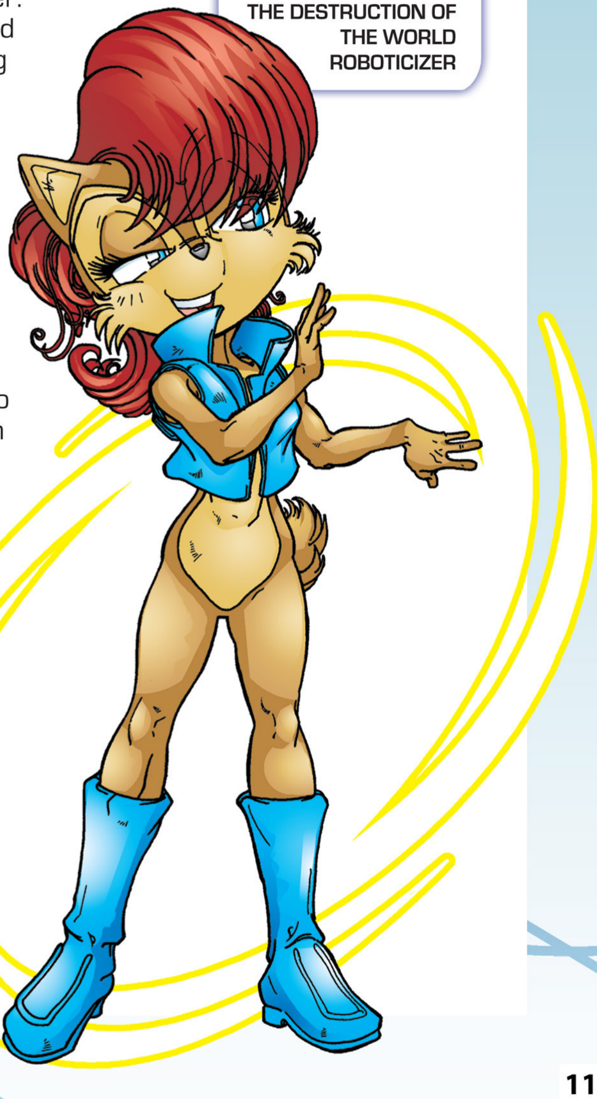
Abilities:
Agility – Able to perform gymnastic moves beyond average.
Versatility – Trained in combat, survival, diplomacy, computer skills.
Tactical skills – An accomplished and resourceful field leader.

Sally Alicia Acorn was born during the **Great War**. She was raised as an only child to the "widower" **King Maximillian Acorn** and wouldn't know the fate of her mother and older brother until years later. Sally was also raised and tutored by her royal mentor, **Julayla Chipmunk**, and royal nursemaid, **Rosie Woodchuck**.



MECHA SALLY AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD ROBOTICIZER

After **Dr. Robotnik's** takeover, the young Sally dedicated herself to the rescue of her father and her kingdom. Inspired by the **Original Freedom Fighters**, Sally rallied her own band of friends and led them in raids against **Robotropolis**. Despite her youth, Sally showed an uncanny ability to lead, strategize, and hold her ragtag team of would-be heroes together. Late in the **First Robotnik War**, Sally discovered a mysterious handheld device. The A.I. running it identified itself as **Nicole** and would become Sally's mentor and friend after the passing of Julayla. As Sally led the **Freedom Fighters** to victory in the battle against Dr. Robotnik, she regained her family but faced a great deal of personal hardship. Her life of guerrilla warfare conflicted with the formalities of royalty. Torn between the life she had and the one she thought she wanted, Sally's spirit was strained. The final blow came when her first love, **Sonic the Hedgehog**, appeared to first give his life for **Mobius** and then return from the dead. At her most confused, she broke up with Sonic to prevent further heartbreak for herself.



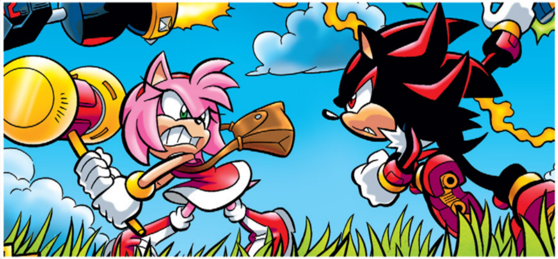
Eventually she recovered to her old self, chose her role as the team's field leader and repaired her damaged friendships. Just as life returned to normal, Sally barely skirted death after the effects of the **Genesis Wave**. She used her second chance at life to sabotage the **Death Egg II's World Roboticizer**. Her sacrifice saved Mobius, but turned her into one of **Dr. Eggman's** robot minions.

AMY

AMY ROSE

PROFILE STATS:

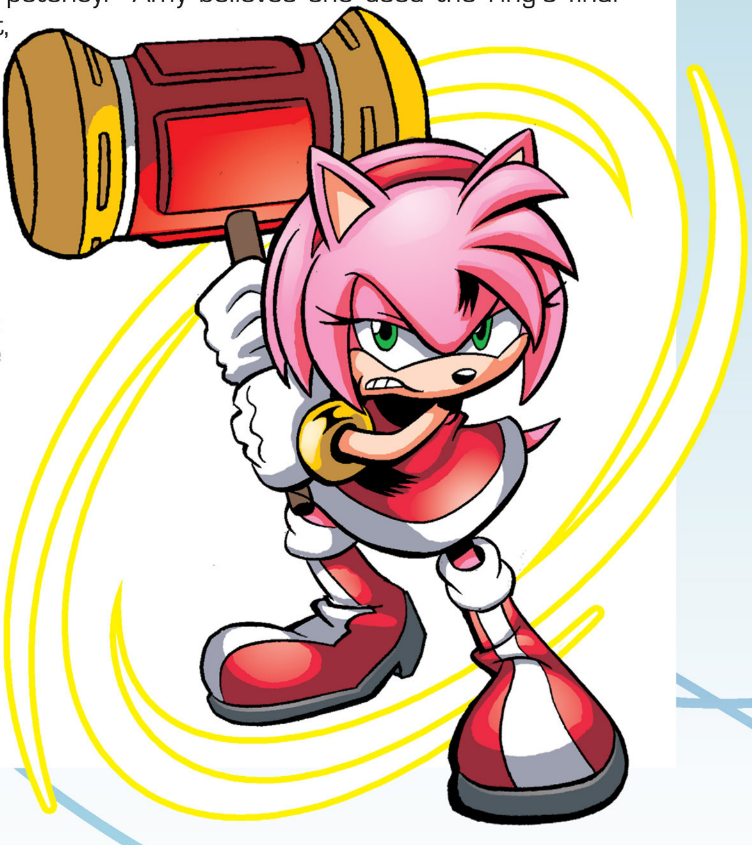
First Appearance:
Sonic the Hedgehog #25
Abilities:
Piko Piko Hammer – A massive mallet that appears from nowhere and causes incredible damage with seemingly little effort.



Amy Rose was born to nobles in **Mercia** before the influence of **Dr. Robotnik** had reached across the ocean. As her kingdom fell around her, stories of a heroic blue hedgehog reached her homeland. Amy was immediately enamored by the tales of this legendary "**Sonic the Hedgehog**" and began sending letters to him despite the ever-present danger.

With her parents missing and Mercia's capital being turned into **Snottingham** by Dr. Robotnik, Amy's cousin, **Rob o' the Hedge**, sent her to the presumed safety of Sonic's company. Her escort was captured along the way and Amy was made bait in a trap to destroy Sonic in the **Collision Chaos Zone**. Once rescued, Amy was welcomed into **Knothole** with open arms.

But a fiery spirit wasn't enough to get her into the **Freedom Fighters**, nor was it enough to gain Sonic's romantic interests. In a desperate bid to get some recognition, Amy used the **Ring of Acorns** – a magic ring forged from the energies of a **Super Chaos Emerald** and of incredible potency. Amy believes she used the ring's final wish to make herself older. In fact, she absorbed its power and now unwittingly enjoys some limited wish-granting abilities – namely the creation of her **Piko Piko Hammer** from thin air.



Amy has since served on a number of missions and earned her position within the Freedom Fighters. Quick and powerful, she is a force to be reckoned with on the battlefield. While normally sweet and friendly, an explosively fiery temper simmers just below the surface.

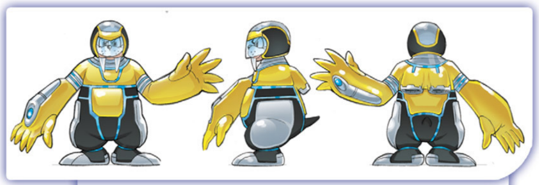
Now Amy aims to catch Sonic's eye by being the finest Freedom Fighter the world has ever seen!

ROTOR!
THE WALRUS

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance:
Sonic the Hedgehog #0

Abilities:
Strength – Above-average strength.
Genius – A brilliant inventor who has created vehicles and weaponry.



ROTOR'S NANITE BATTLESUIT

Rotor's parents, **Sherman** and **Georgette Walrus**, came to **Old Mobotropolis** for new opportunities outside of the traditional **Herd** lifestyle. What they didn't expect was the **Great War**. Rotor grew up listening to his father's war stories and was inspired by tales of the impressive machinery of the war. However, his family would later be torn apart by **Dr. Robotnik's** takeover.

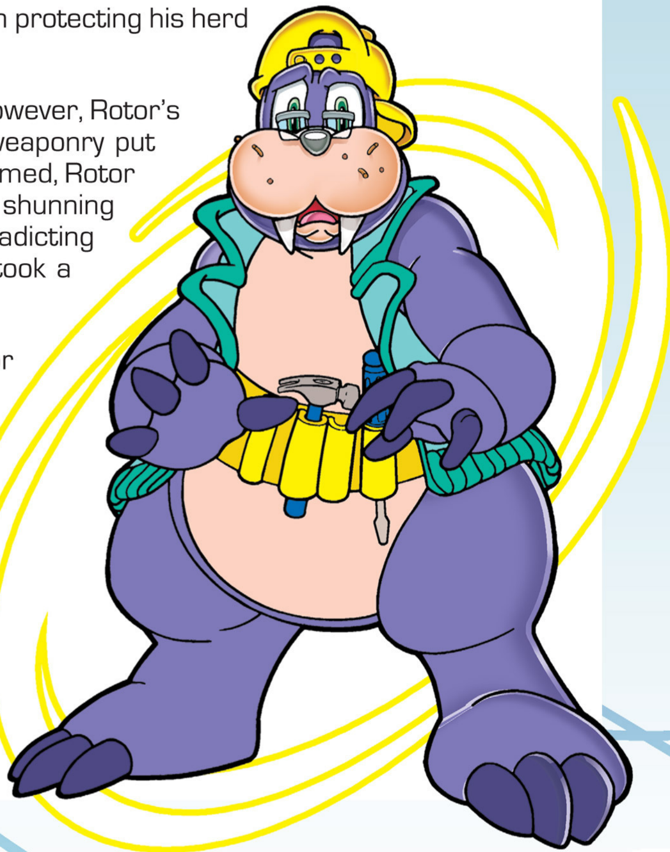
Sherman fell in the initial resistance. Rotor's mother (pregnant with his brother, Skeeter), were lost in the chaos of escaping refugees. Rotor was among many other children separated from their parents. He soon fell in with a group aiming to stop Dr. Robotnik: the **Freedom Fighters**.

Rotor lent his inventor's prowess to the team. But for every success he had some kind of failure – often with explosive results. This, and his interest in heavy weapons, earned him the nickname "Boomer."

Rotor was a tenacious member of the team and one of **Sonic the Hedgehog's** best friends. He was eager to join the firefights, which seemed odd compared to his otherwise gentle nature. His analytical thinking gained him a seat on both the **Knothole Council** during the **First Robotnik War** and in the **Restoration Committee** in its aftermath. He also played a role in protecting his herd from Dr. Robotnik many times.

During the year Sonic spent in space, however, Rotor's disposition shifted. His zeal for new weaponry put many of his friends in harm's way. Ashamed, Rotor fell upon the kingdom's convention of shunning firearms, even to the point of contradicting himself on his past actions. He also took a less active role in field operations.

During the destruction of Knothole, Rotor rescued **Tails** from a collapsing ceiling, but injured his back in the process. He regained most of his mobility but opted to "retire" to a position on the **Council of Acorn**. When the **Naugus**-led council voted to exile **Nicole**, Rotor resigned out of protest, donned his nanite suit, and became the leader of **Team Freedom**.



Antoine D'COOLETTE

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance:
Sonic the Hedgehog #0

Abilities:

Swordsmanship – Excels with the use of his saber.

Training – Antoine has limited but formal military training from his father.

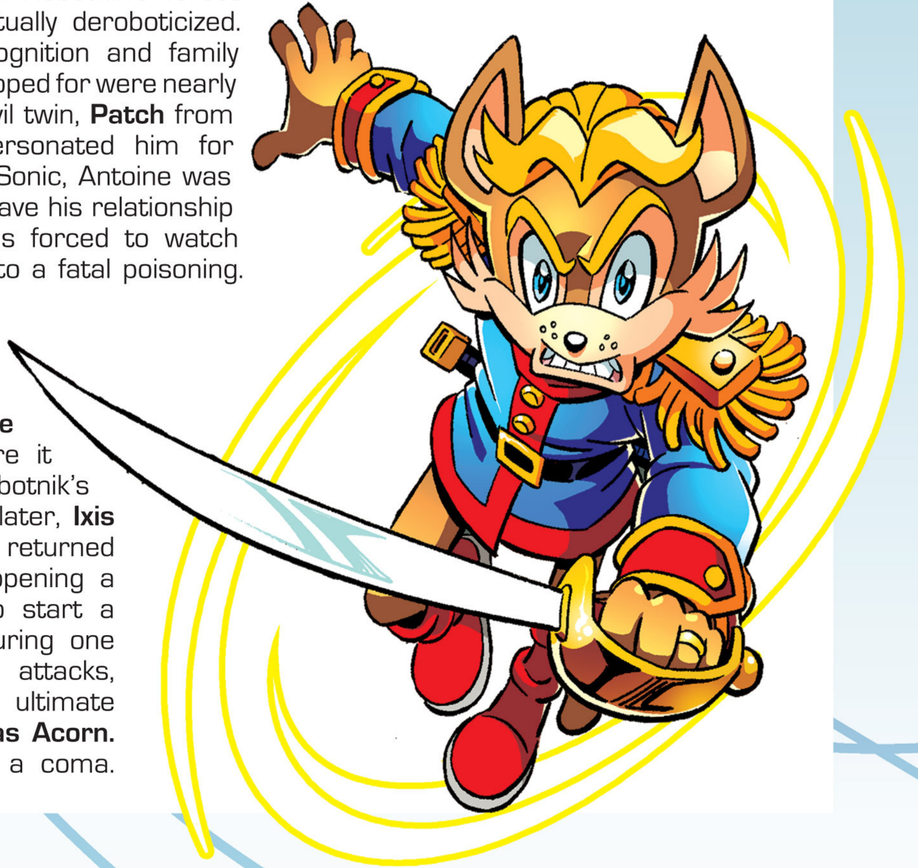
Pilot – A seasoned airplane and balloon pilot.

Antoine was born to **Armand** and **Marie D'Coolette** just before the **Great War**. Armand had moved the family from **Mercia** to serve **King Maximillian Acorn**, somewhat to Marie's discontent. While Armand tried to raise his son in the local language, Marie taught their native tongue. Amid the chaos of the Great War, poor Antoine would be doomed to flub both languages.

Antoine was shaken by a stream of tragedy. His father led the first resistance against **Dr. Robotnik's** takeover and was lost. His mother fell terminally ill shortly after, leaving Antoine orphaned in **Knothole**. Following in his father's footsteps for direction, he enlisted himself as a soldier in the **Freedom Fighters**.

Antoine tried to hide his inner doubt and jumpiness with swaggering bravado, earning him endless heckling from **Sonic the Hedgehog**. His romantic advances towards the princess were snubbed, which worsened his self-esteem. A break came in the form of **Bunnie Rabbot**, who managed to see the scared but heroic boy beneath the façade. She eventually helped Antoine ease into his true self.

Hardship would not leave Antoine alone, though. Armand was found alive as the robian leader of Dr. Robotnik's forces in Mercia and eventually deroboticized. Sadly, the love, recognition and family Antoine had always hoped for were nearly swept away by his evil twin, **Patch** from **Moebius**, who impersonated him for months. Thanks to Sonic, Antoine was returned in time to save his relationship with Bunnie, but was forced to watch his father succumb to a fatal poisoning.



Antoine later proposed to Bunnie. The two were wed in **Knothole City** just days before it was razed by Dr. Robotnik's forces. Some time later, **Ixis Naugus's** magic returned Bunnie to normal, opening a chance for them to start a family. However, during one of **Dr. Eggman's** attacks, Antoine made the ultimate sacrifice to save **Elias Acorn.** Antoine now lies in a coma.

BUNNIE RAB-BOT

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance:
Sonic the Hedgehog #3

Abilities:
Cybernetics – These feature many useful tools, such as telescoping limbs, jet feet for flying, a transforming arm cannon and energy shield generator.
Martial Artist – Trained in judo.

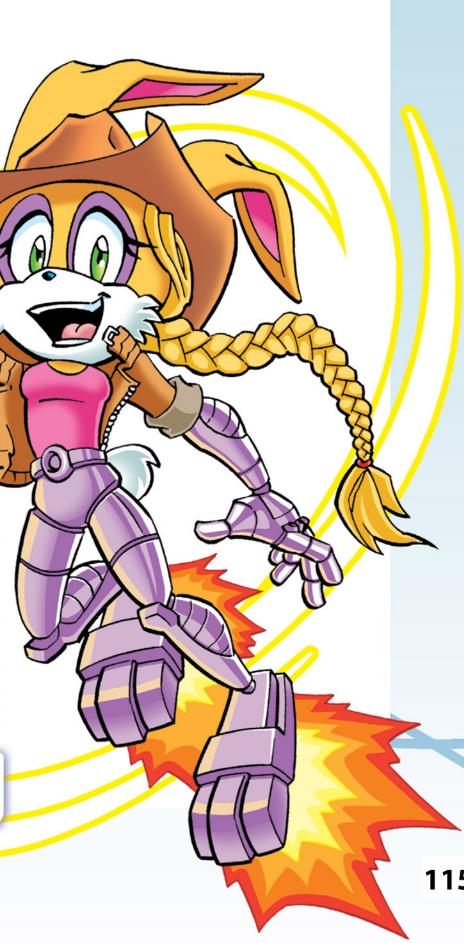
Bunnie Rabbot (pronounced rah-BOH) was born in the **Southern Baronies** just before the **Great War**. Her parents died during the conflict. Bunnie was raised by her **Uncle Beauregard** and **Aunt Lulumae** happily for many years. However, things soured when her uncle claimed her parents had died in service of the **Overland** due to long-standing tensions between the Southern Baronies and the **Kingdom of Acorn**.

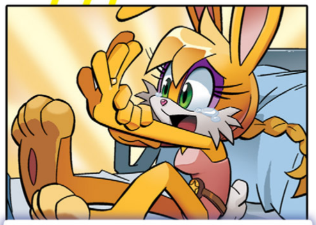
Bunnie rejected the notion that her parents were traitors and ran away from home, cobbling together a small farm on the edge of the kingdom's borders. She was soon found and captured by a pair of **SWAT Bots** and put into a portable roboticizer. **Sonic the Hedgehog** and **Rotor Walrus** came to her rescue a moment too late; Bunnie was half-roboticized. Instead of dwelling on this, Bunnie took to her new body well, even going so far as to introduce herself with a pun off her family name (pronouncing it RAH-bot).

Bunnie bonded with **Sally Acorn** and quickly became one of the **Freedom Fighters**. She provided friendship to Sally, ran hard-hitting missions with Sonic, and managed to find the hidden hero within **Antoine D'Coolette**. While she put on a brave face, she did hold out hope that she would one day be returned to normal.

But then her body began rejecting her roboticized parts. She could accept an upgrade designed by **Dr. Quack** and **Nate Morgan**, but it would ensure she would never be derobotocized. With Antoine's love and support, she committed to her cyborg life. That love was later tested when **Patch** of **Moebius** posed as Antoine and actively tried to ruin the romance. Bunnie was shaken, and made a few questionable choices, but rebounded when Sonic managed to rescue Antoine from Moebius.

When Bunnie's cybernetics were accidentally crystallized by **Ixis Naugus's** magic, he attempted to undo the damage – miraculously reverting her to flesh and blood. Shortly after, however, Antoine was nearly killed while on a mission. Blaming her own powerlessness, Bunnie has left for parts unknown to "make things right."





BUNNIE BACK IN FLESH AND BLOOD

DR. ROBOTNIK

IVO KINTOBOR "EGGMAN"

PROFILE STATS:

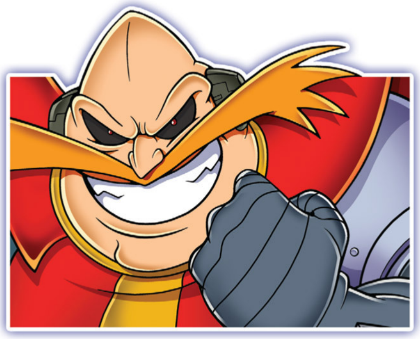
First Appearance:

As Julian Kintobor: Sonic the Hedgehog #43
As Dr. Robotnik: Sonic the Hedgehog #0
As "Dr. Eggman": Sonic the Hedgehog #75

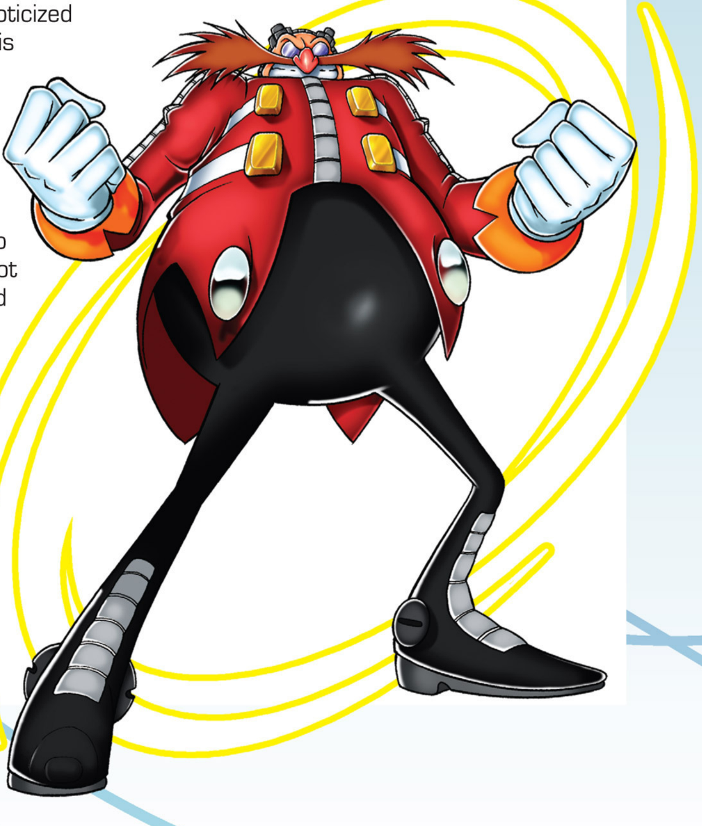
Abilities:

Genius – Despite his eccentric behavior, Dr. Robotnik possesses an unmatched intellect, able to envision, build and operate just about anything.

Dr. Eggman was born **Julian Kintobor** in 3189 to **Ivo and Bertha Kintobor**. Living in **Megapolis**, Julian studied under **Nate Morgan** before sabotaging him and taking over his lab. He later developed weapons for the **Great War**, using citizens as test subjects. The **Minister of Justice**, his brother, sentenced him to imprisonment, but Julian escaped and fled into the wilderness, where he was found by **Jules** and **Charles Hedgehog**.



Julian was granted asylum by **King Maximillian Acorn**. He was tutored in warfare by **Warlord Kodos**, who found a kindred ruthless spirit despite his hatred for **Overlanders**. Kodos revealed his own plans to conquer the kingdom and Julian took the opportunity to betray him. With Kodos's tactics and his own genius, Julian turned the tide of the war and organized the final duel between **King Acorn** and **Overlord Charlemagne**. Then, using the peacetime to prepare, Julian launched a coup d'état against his foster nation. His conquest used three things: the robots he'd built for **Mobotropolis**, Kodos's plans, and the roboticizer. Julian had discovered Sir Charles Hedgehog's research and sabotaged the project, making the would-be medical miracle a tool for enslavement. He conquered the city in hours, and then renamed himself "Dr. Ivo Robotnik" after his father and maternal grandfather. He then set about conquering **Mobius**. While he was met with resistance, nothing kept his attention more than the **Knothole Freedom Fighters** – especially **Sonic the Hedgehog**. Here time takes two paths: in the **Prime Universe**, Dr. Robotnik's war ended with the firing of his **Ultimate Annihilator**. Thanks to **Snively's** treachery, Dr. Robotnik was erased from existence. In another timeline, however, his final battle with Sonic led to him being roboticized and his body destroyed. He uploaded his mind to an incomplete satellite where he eventually met his Prime counterpart and was inspired to strike back. This alternate Robotnik succeeded in rebuilding his body and destroying all life on his Mobius.



He then traveled across time and space to conquer **Mobius Prime**. Although his robot body was destroyed a few times, he uploaded his consciousness into a new body – the body now commonly called "Dr. Eggman." He hated the nickname, but in an effort of self-empowerment, he embraced it and called his territory the **Eggman Empire**. Dr. Robotnik's robot body was later transformed into flesh-and-blood by the **Bem** as part of an experiment, but it didn't change his lethal desires. Despite repeated defeats, set-backs and even death itself, Dr. Robotnik continues to rule with an iron fist and an even darker, stronger will.

SNIVELY ROBOTNIK

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance:
Sonic the Hedgehog #8
Abilities:
Genius – while not on par with Dr. Robotnik, Snively is still an incredibly gifted inventor.

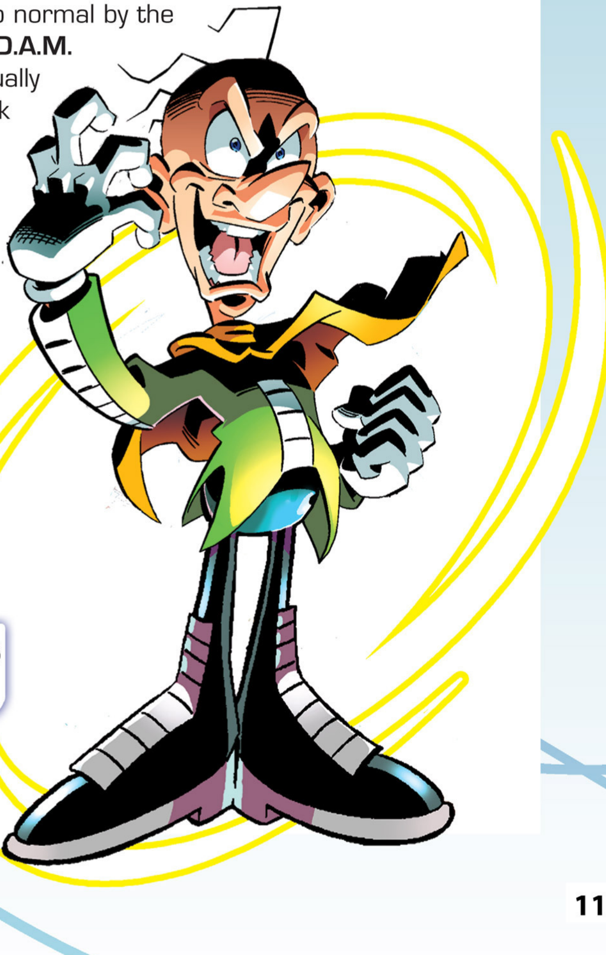
Snively Robotnik was born **Colin Kintobor, Jr**. in 3206 to **Colin Sr.** and **Miriam Kintobor**, the latter dying in childbirth. Colin Sr. tried not to let it embitter him to his son, but Snively grew up to be everything he wasn't: small, weak, and grotesque. Colin Sr. was the first to call him "Snively" for his sniveling manner, and the would-be tyrant resented it. The only person who could call him that and make it sound endearing was his beloved uncle, **Julian Kintobor.**

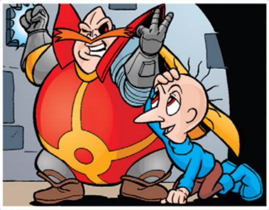
During the **Great War**, Snively followed Julian to the **Kingdom of Acorn** and happily did the grunt work needed to establish his uncle's rule. But Julian, who had been playing him from the start, dropped the façade and abused his nephew. Snively's love turned to hate and he plotted to take the empire for himself. A number of schemes failed until he assigned Dr. Robotnik's bio-signature to the **Ultimate Annihilator**, ensuring his uncle's demise. But then he was arrested by **Geoffrey St. John** and sent to the **Devil's Gulag.**

Snively briefly commanded the early **Destructix** before being "reunited" with **Dr. Eggman.** Fearing for his life, he aided the **Freedom Fighters** and went into hiding, but he couldn't survive on his own. When the **Overlanders** returned and settled in **Robotropolis**, he tried to hide among them. Instead, he was found by Dr. Eggman and Colin Sr. The father-son reunion seemed sweet, but both men knew of the bad blood between them.

Snively returned to serving his uncle, even allowing himself to be roboticized to be protected from the toxic city. He was later turned back to normal by the **Bem**. Later, Dr. Eggman created his "son," **A.D.A.M.** Snively saw the danger and left again, eventually joining the Freedom Fighters and their think-tank group, the **Brain Trust**. This alliance was short-lived, however, as the promise of power from his uncle was too much to ignore.

Snively later facilitated the **Iron Dominion's** brief take-over of the empire, falling in love with the **Iron Queen**. After the Iron Dominion's defeat, he attempted to unite his half-sister, **Hope**, and the Iron Queen in order to overthrow the **Eggman Empire** one last time, but was defeated. He's now locked in a **Prison Egg** in the bowels of the **Death Egg II** while an Infiltrator takes his place at the Iron Queen's side.

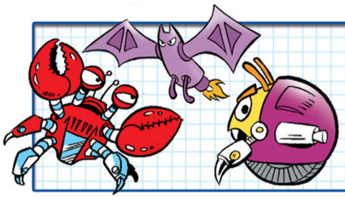




SNIVELY WITH HIS UNCLE JULIAN

THE BADNIK HORDE

The Badnik Horde has been the backbone of the **Eggman Empire's** army up until very recently. The units used have changed over time, but their purpose remains the same: overwhelm the enemy with numbers with an easily replenished stock of soldiers.

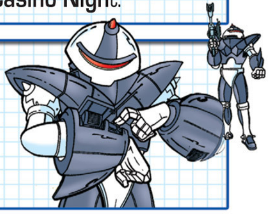


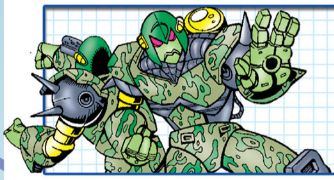
DESIGNATE: CLASSIC BADNIKS

There were over a dozen different models of the "classic badniks" – small robots with limited A.I., armament, and often modeled after mobinis. They were sent primarily to antagonize the young **Freedom Fighters**. The remaining classic badniks now work as wait staff at **Casino Night**.

DESIGNATE: SWAT BOTS

Briefly used as police enforcement in **Old Mobotropolis**, they were quickly converted to the primary ground troops and workers during **Dr. Robotnik's** initial rule. They too had limited A.I. but were armed with wrist-mounted laser canons, armor, and modular enchantments like jet-packs. Some still function as bouncers at Casino Night.



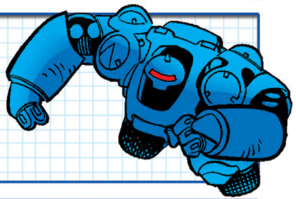


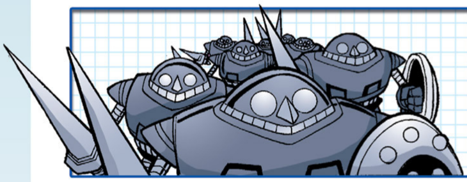
DESIGNATE: COM BOTS

A huge leap in lethality, these sported highly advanced A.I., a wide variety of weapons, a cloaking ability, much tougher armor and were generally hardier. A very limited number were made, and most were destroyed through trickery.

DESIGNATE: SHADOW BOTS

Upgraded SWAT Bots that came into use with **Dr. Eggman's** return. Less A.I. was devoted to "personalities" and more to battle algorithms. They also came in a two-story tall "deluxe" version. They were destroyed along with Robotropolis.



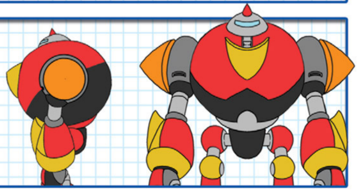


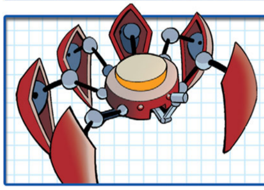
DESIGNATE: EGG PAWNS

The replacement for the SWAT Bots. The Egg Pawns were the ground forces with modular components and A.I. like SWAT Bots. **Egg Flappers** were the aerial variant, and **Egg Hammers** were giant heavy melee version. They were all wiped out by **Enerjak**.

DESIGNATE: EGG SWATS

The latest models combining Egg Pawn and SWAT Bot styles. Like their predecessors, they have numerous modular options and limited personality A.I.



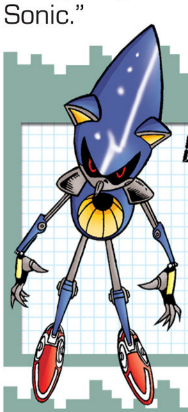


DESIGNATES: EGG MITES

There are two models. The worker drones maintain the interior of the **Death Egg II** while an assault version can be used to overwhelm targets. Their limbs close into an egg-shape for easy storage or deployment.

METAL SONIC SERIES

The Metal Sonic Series refers to the line of badniks designed after **Sonic the Hedgehog**, most specifically the sleek, blue robots directly referred to as "Metal Sonic."

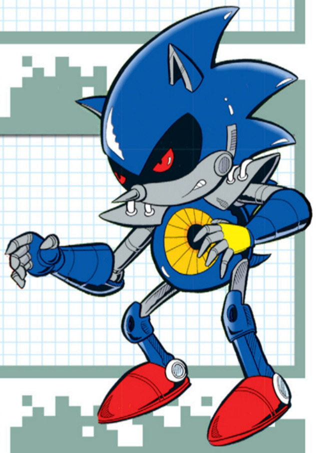


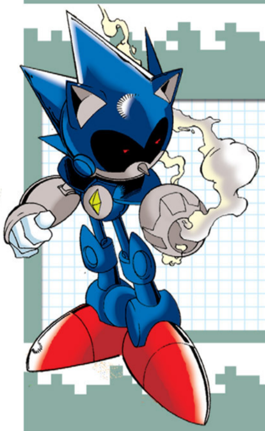
DESIGNATE: METAL SONIC V 1.0

This Metal Sonic raced Sonic in the **Collision Chaos Zone** for the safety of **Tails** and **Amy Rose**. This unit ended up melting itself with the heat of its own engine trying to keep up with Sonic.

DESIGNATE: METAL SONIC V 2.0

Salvaged and upgraded, Metal Sonic was pitted against the **Chaotix** during their first mission together. It was powered by a power gem at its core and was seemingly destroyed.





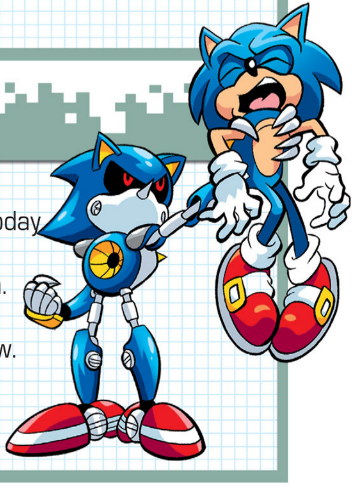
DESIGNATE: METAL SONIC V 2.5

The same unit survived its battle on **Angel Island** and underwent heavy self-repair, its A.I. advancing in the process. It was faster than Sonic and possessed metamorphic abilities. Ultimately, it learned the value of life and sacrificed itself to save Sonic and Tails.

DESIGNATE: METAL SONIC V 3.0

Built from the ground up, this is the standard model in use today

v3.0 – Battled Sonic and Shadow.
v3.1 – Caught Sonic on the eve of Knothole City's destruction.
v3.2 – Was paired with Metal Scourge.
v3.3 – Traveled to Moebius and Blaze's world battling Shadow.
v3.4 – Defended the Death Egg II.
v3.5 – Blew up, severely injuring Antoine.
v3.6 – Battled Team Freedom and lost to Shard.



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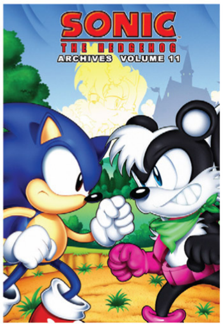
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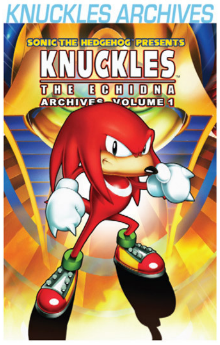
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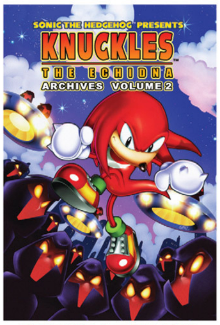
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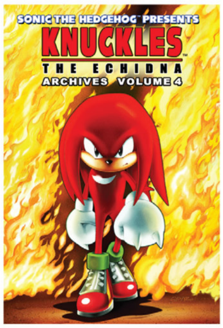
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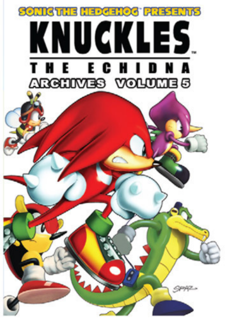
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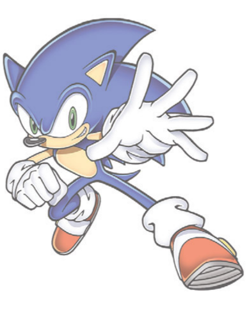

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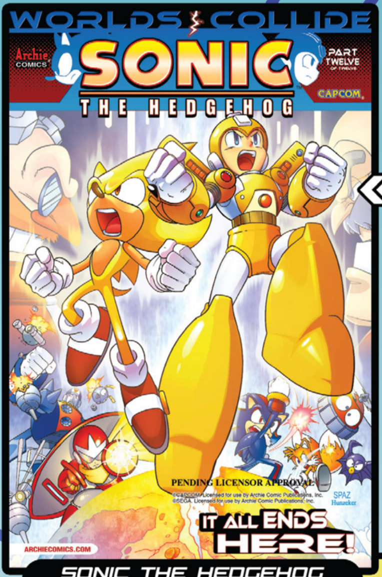
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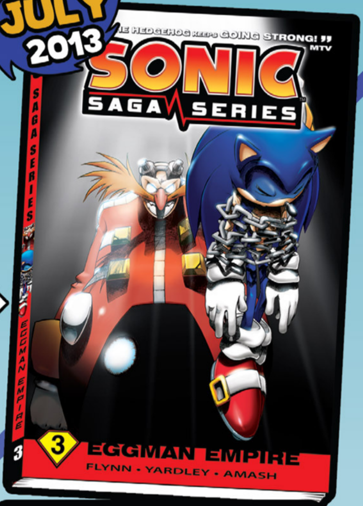
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INTERVIEW WITH - JIM AMASH - INKER -

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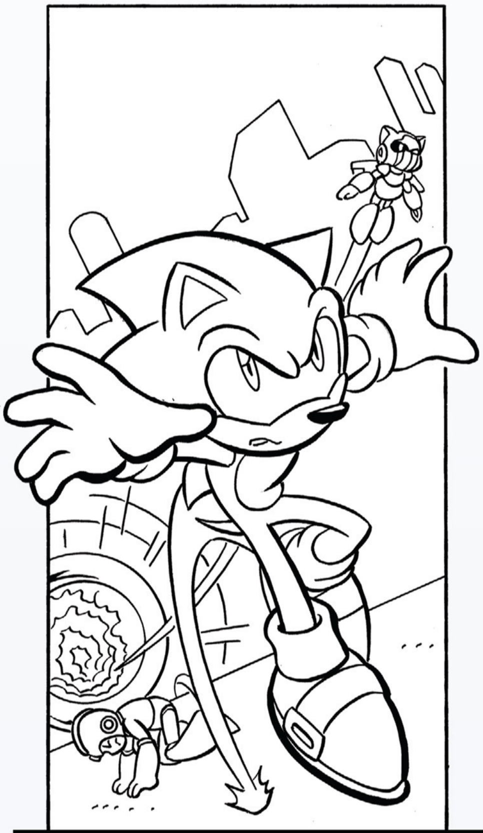
SSSM: Jim, you've been working on the Sonic the Hedgehog comic interiors longer than any other artist except Patrick "SPAZ" Spaziante himself -- what can you tell us about those first few issues you worked on? What was the state of the book at that time?

JA: The book was still in the humor/adventure mode and Manny Galan, who I had inked on many projects at Marvel, was the penciler. Manny drew the serious moments as believably as the funny ones, and I greatly enjoyed working with him. There was more emphasis on humor then than now, and the book had a free wheeling style that was fun to be a part of.



FABULOUS FINISHER

JIM CURRENTLY INKS ALL OF THE SONIC UNIVERSE STORIES, BUT HAS ALSO INKED MANY OTHER SONIC THE HEDGEHOG STORIES IN THE PAST INCLUDING THE FIRST 4 PARTS OF THE SONIC/MEGA MAN CROSSOVER STORY ARC!

SSSM: As an inker, it's your job to compose the final line work for a given issue. You also set the tone for a scene by adding depth and shading to the penciller's layout. What would you say is the biggest challenge you face when figuring out the final look and feel of a Sonic story? What comes most naturally?

JA: I consider the entire page, regardless of the number of panels on it, as a single unit of art. I look at the page to see what is happening on it, and what are the most important parts. Then I make a judgement on what I can do to enhance the pencils, stress the action, lead the readers' eyes from panel to panel - do anything and everything to aid the storytelling intent of the writer and the penciler. What comes most naturally to me is adding a three dimensional look to a two dimensional page, by varying line weights around the forms, spotting black areas, and adding textures where needed to create and separate foreground figures from middle ground and background forms. The reader needs to believe the characters are really doing what they are doing, so it's my job to help form a convincing world for them.

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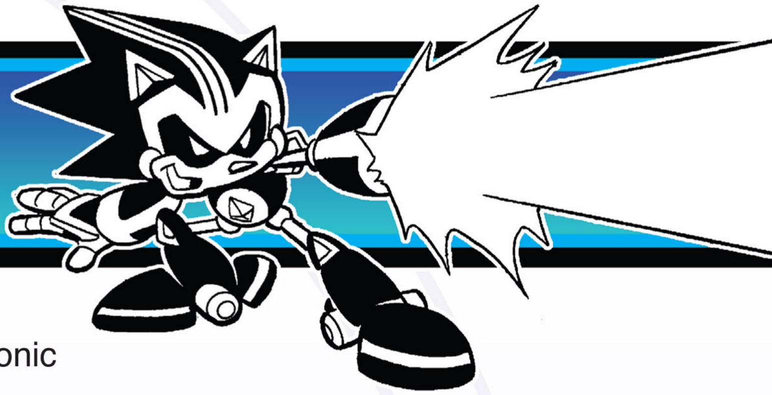


SSSM: Who have been some of your favorite pencillers to work with on the Sonic comics?

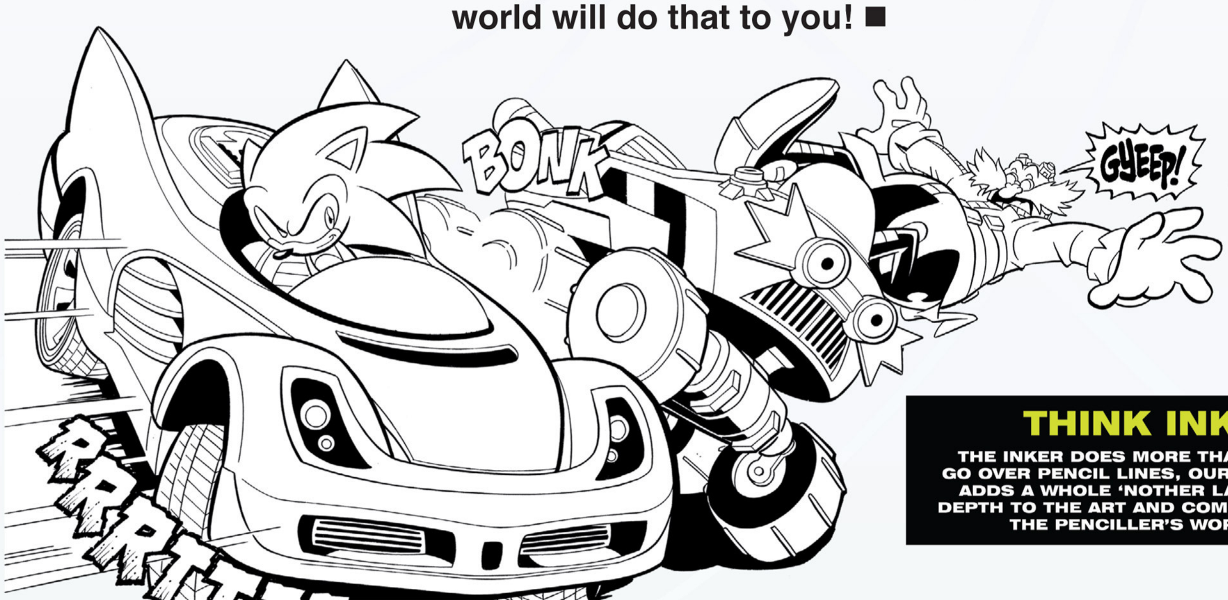
JA: I'll start with Tracey Yardley, who has become -- in my opinion -- the definitive Sonic penciler. James Fry, Steven Butler, Dave Manak, and Manny Galan were always fun to ink, and their artistic sensibilities matched mine in many ways.

SSSM: Before inking comics professionally you worked as a landscape painter -- what got your started in art and what brought you to comics from 'fine art'?

JA: The love of the comics medium and storytelling. I don't care what advances are made in CGI technology, no film can give the viewer the personal interaction with the story the way comic books can. The readers hears the voices of the characters and the sound effects as their imaginations allow them. Each panel is separated by white or colored gutters and the readers have to use their mental and emotional agility to fill the gap in time between those panels. Comics are an interactive art form and nothing measures up to the best of what it can do. There are no limitations to what readers and creators get out of a comic book story.

SSSM: Who is your favorite character from the Sonic comics -- and why?

JA: Sonic. He's a lot of fun. Even though he's not in too many Sonic Universe stories, I get a kick out of everything he does and I probably relate more to him than I do the other characters. Seventeen years of working on his stories and his world will do that to you! ■



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THE INKER DOES MORE THAN JUST GO OVER PENCIL LINES, OUR MAN JIM ADDS A WHOLE 'NOTHER LAYER OF DEPTH TO THE ART AND COMPLIMENTS THE PENCILLER'S WORK!